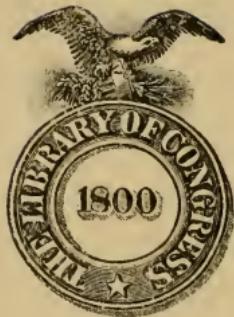


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NOTE.

THE present work, carefully edited from Heyne's fourth edition, (Paderborn, 1879), is designed primarily for college classes in Anglo-Saxon, rather than for independent investigators or for seekers after a restored or ideal text. The need of an American edition of "Beowulf" has long been felt, as, hitherto, students have had either to send to Germany for a text, or secure, with great trouble, one of the scarce and expensive English editions. Heyne's first edition came out in 1863, and was followed in 1867 and 1873 by a second and a third edition, all three having essentially the same text.

So many important contributions to the "Beowulf" literature were, however, made between 1873 and 1879 that Heyne found it necessary to put forth a new edition (1879). In this new, last edition, the text was subjected to a careful revision, and was fortified by the views, contributions, and criticisms of other zealous scholars. In it the collation of the unique "Beowulf" Ms. (Vitellius A. 15: Cottonian MSS. of the British Museum), as made by E. Kölbing in Herrig's *Archiv* (Bd. 56; 1876), was followed wherever the present condition of the Ms. had to be discussed; and the researches of Bugge, Rieger, and others, on single passages, were made use of. The discussion of the metrical structure of the poem, as occurring in the second and third editions, was omitted in the fourth, owing to the many controversies in which the subject is still involved. The present editor has thought it best to do the same, though, happily, the subject of Old English *Metrik* is undergoing a steady illumination through the labors of Schipper and others.

Some errors and misplaced accents in Heyne's text have been corrected in the present edition, in which, as in the general revision of the text, the editor has been most kindly aided by Prof. J. M. Garnett, late Principal of St. John's College, Maryland.

In the preparation of the present school edition it has been thought best to omit Heyne's notes, as they concern themselves principally with conjectural emendations, substitutions of one reading for another, and discussions of the condition of the Ms. Until Wüller's text and the photographic fac-simile of the original Ms. are in the hands of all scholars, it will be better not to introduce such matters in the school room, where they would puzzle without instructing.

A *Glossary*, carefully translated from Heyne by the editor and Prof. Robert Sharp of the University of Louisiana, will, it is hoped, speedily follow the text as here presented.

For convenience of reference, the editor has added a head-line to each "fit" of the poem, with a view to facilitate a knowledge of its episodes.

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BEÓWULF.

I. THE PASSING OF SCYLD.

HWÄT! we Gär-Dena in geár-dagum
þeód-cyninga þrym gefrunon,
hû þâ äðelingas ellen fremedon.
Oft Scyld Scéfing seeaðena þréátum.
5 monegum mægðum meodo-setla ofteáh.
Egsode eorl, syððan ærest wearð
feá-seeast funden: he þás frôfre gebâd,
weðx under wolenum, weord-myndum ðâh,
ðð þät him aeghwylc þâra ymb-sittendra
10 ofer hron-râde hýran scolde,
gomban gyldan: þät wäs gôd cyning!
þäm easera wäs äfter cenned
geong in geardum, þone god sende
folce tô frôfre; fyren-þearfe ongeat,
15 þät hieær drugon aldor-leáse
lange hwile. Him þás lîf-freá,
wuldres wealdend, worold-âre forgeaf;
Beówulf wäs breme (blaed wîde sprang),
Scyldes easera Scede-landum in.
20 Swâ sceal geong guma gôde gewyrcean,
fromum feoh-giftum on fäder wine,
þät hine on ylde eft gewunigen
wil-gesîðas, þonne wîg cume,
leóde gelæsten: los-dædum sceal
25 in mægða gehwære man geþeón.
Him þâ Scyld gewât tô gescäp-hwile
fela-hrôr fêran on freán wäre;
hi hyne þâ ätbæron tô brimes faroðe,

swæse gesiðas, swâ he selfa bäd,
 30 þenden wordum weold wine Scyldinga,
 leóf land-fruma lange áhте.
 Þær ät hýðe stôd hringed-stefna,
 ísig and útfûs, áðelinges fär;
 á-lédon þâ leófne þeóden,
 35 beága bryttan on bearm scipes,
 mærne be mäste. Þær wäs mädma fela,
 of feor-wegum frätwa gelæded:
 ne hýrde ic cymlicor ceól gegyrwan
 hilde-wæpnum and heaðo-wædum,
 40 billum and byrnum; him on bearme läg
 mädma mänigo, þâ him mid scoldon
 on flôdes æht feor gewîtan.
 Nalas hi hine lässan lâcum teódan,
 þeód-gestreónum, þonne þâ dydon,
 45 þe hine ät frumsceafte forð onsendon
 ænne ofer ýðe umbor wesende:
 þâ gyt hie him ásetton segen gyldenne
 heáh ofer heáfod, lêton holm beran,
 geáfon on gár-secg: him wäs geômor sefa,
 50 murnende môd. Men ne cunnon
 secgan tô sôðe sêle rædenne,
 häleð under heofenum, hwâ þäm hläste onfêng.

II. THE HALL HEOROT.

ÞA wäs on burgum Beówulf Scyldinga,
 leóf leód-cyning, longe þrage
 55 folcum gefræge (fäder ellor hwearf,
 aldon of earde), ðð þät him eft onwðc
 heáh Healfdene; heóld þenden lïfde,
 gamol and gûð-reów, gläde Scyldingas.
 þäm feówer bearn forð-gerimed

- 60 in worold wōcun, weoroda ræswan,
 Heorogār and Hrōdgār and Hālga til;
 • hýrde ic, þāt Elan cwēn *Ongenþeowes wās*
 Heaðoscilfinges heals-gebedde.
 þā wās Hrōdgāre here-spēd gyfen,
- 65 wīges weorð-mynd, þāt him his wine-māgas
 georne hýrdon, ðð þāt seó geogoð geweðx,
 mago-driht micel. Him on mōd bearn,
 þāt heal-reed hātan wolde,
 medo-ärn micel men gewyreean,
- 70 þone yldo bearn æfre gefrunon,
 and þær on innan eall gedælan
 geongum and ealdum, swyle him god sealde,
 buton folc-scare and feorum gumena.
 þā ic wīde gefrägn weore gebannan
- 75 manigre mægðe geond þisne middan-geard,
 folc-stede frätwan. Him on fyrste gelomp
 ädre mid yldum. þāt hit wearð eal gearo,
 heal-ärna mæst; scōp him Heort naman,
 se þe his wordes geweald wīde häfde.
- 80 He beót ne älēh, beágas dælde,
 sinc ät symle. Sele hlifade
 heál and horn-geáp: heaðo-wylma bād,
 lāðan līges; ne wās hit lenge þā gen.
 þāt se eeg-hete älum-swerian
- 85 äfter wäl-niðe wāenan scolde.
 þā se ellen-gäst earfoðlice
 prage geþolode, se þe in þýstrum bād,
 þāt he dôgora gehwam dreám gehýrde
 hlūdne in healle; þær wās hearpan swēg,
- 90 swutol sang scōpes. Sägde se þe cūðe
 frum-sceaft fira feorran ȝeccan.
 cwāð þāt se älmihtiga eorðan worhte,
 wlite-beorhtne wang, swā wāter bebûgeð,
 gesette sige-hrēðig sunnan and mōnan

95 leóman tō leóhte land-būendum,
 and gefrätwade foldan sceátas
 leomum and leáfum ; līf eác gesceðp
 cynna gehwylcum, þāra þe cwice hwyrfað.
 Swā þā driht-guman dreámum lifdon
 100 eadiglīce, ðð þāt ān ongan
 fyrene fremman, feónd on helle :
 wās se grimma gäst Grendel hâten,
 mære mearc-stapa, se þe mōras heóld,
 fen and fästen ; fīfel-cynnes eard
 105 won-sælig wer weardode hwile,
 siððan him scyppend forscrifен häfde.
 In Caines cynne þone cwealm gewräc,
 êce drihten, þās þe he Abel slôg ;
 ne gefeah he þære fæhðe, ac he hine feor forwräc,
 110 metod for þý māne man-cynne fram.
 þanon untydras ealle onwōcon,
 eotenas and ylse and orcnēas,
 swylce gigantas, þā wið gode wunnon
 lange þrage ; he him þās leán forgeald.

III. GRENDEL'S VISITS.

115 GEWĀT þā neósian, syððan niht becom,
 heán hūses, hū hit Hring-Dene
 äfter beór-þege gebūn häfdon.
 Fand þā þær inne äðelinga gedriht
 swefan äfter symble ; sorge ne cūdon,
 120 won-sceaft wera. Wiht unhaelo
 grim and grædig gearo sôna wās,
 reóc and rēðe, and on räste genam
 þritig þegna : þanon eft gewât
 hūðe hrēmig tō hám faran,
 125 mid þære wäl-fylle wîca neósan.

- þā wäs on uhtan mid ær-däge
 Grendles għð-cräft gumum undyrne :
 þā wäs äster wiste wōp up āhasen,
 micel morgen-swēg. Mære þeoden,
 130 ädeling ær-gōd, unblīðe sät,
 þolode þryð-swyð, þegn-sorge dreāh,
 syððan hie þūs lāðan lāst seeáwedon,
 wergan gâstes ; wäs þūt gewin tō strang,
 lāð and longsum. Nās hit lengra fyrst,
 135 ac ymb āne niht eft gefremede
 morð-beala māre and nō mearn fore
 fæhðe and syrene ; wäs tō fäst on þām.
 þā wäs eāð-synde, þe him elles hwaer
 gerūmlīcor räste sôhte,
 140 bed äster bûrum, þā him gebeáchnod wäs,
 gesägdl sôðlice sweotolan tâcne
 heal-þegnes hete ; heóld hine syððan
 fyr and fästor, se þām feónde ätwand.
 Swā ríxode and wið rihte wan
 145 āna wið eallum, ðð þūt idel stôd
 hūsa sêlest. Wäs seó hwîl micel :
 twelf wintra tîd torn geþolode
 wine Scyldinga, weána gehwelcne,
 sîdra sorga ; forþam syððan wearð
 150 ylda bearnum undyrne cûð,
 gyddum geðmore, þätte Grendel wan
 hwile wið Hrôðgâr ; — hete-nîðas wäg,
 syrene and sahðe fela missera,
 singale säce. sibbe ne wolde
 155 wið manna hwone mägenes Deniga
 feorh-bealo seorrان, feó þingian,
 ne þær næníg witena wênan þorfta
 beorhtre bôte tō banan folmum ;
 atol äglæca êhtende wäs,
 160 deorc deáð-scûa duguðe and geogoðe,

seomade and syrede. Sin-nihte heóld
 mistige mōras; men ne cunnon,
 hwyder hel-rūnan hwyrftum scriðað.
 Swâ fela fyrena feónd man-cynnes,
 165 atol ân-gengea, oft gefremede
 heardra hýnða; Heorot eardode,
 sinc-fâge sel swearatum nihtum
 (nô he þone gif-stôl grêtan môste,
 mâððum for metode, ne his myne wisse);
 170 þät wä� wræc micel wine Scyldinga,
 môdes brecða. Monig-oft gesât
 rîce tô rûne; ræd eahtedon,
 hwät swîð-ferhðum sêlest wære
 wið fær-gryrum tô gefremmanne.
 175 Hwîlum hie gehêton ät härg-trafum
 wig-weorðunga, wordum bædon,
 þät him gâst-bona geóce gefremede
 wið þeód-þreáum. Swylc wä� þeáw hyra,
 hæðenra hyht; helle gemundon
 180 in môd-sefan, metod hie ne cûðon,
 dæda dêmend, ne wiston hie drihten god,
 ne hie hûru heofena helm hêrian ne cûðon,
 wuldres waldend. Wâ bið þäm þe sceal
 þurh slíðne nîð sâwle bescûfan
 185 in fýres fâðm, frôfre ne wênan,
 wihte gewandan; wel bið þäm þe môt
 äfter deáð-däge drihten sêcean
 and tô fäder fâðmum freoðo wilnian.

IV. HYGELAC'S THANE.

Swâ þâ mael-ceare maga Healfdenes
 190 singala seáð; ne mihte snotor hâleð
 weán onwendan: wä� þät gewin tô swýð,
 lâð and longsum, þe on þâ leóde becom,

nýd-wraeu nýð-grim, niht-bealwa mæst.
 Þät fram hám gefrägn Higelâces þegn,
 195 gôd mid Geátum, Grendles daeda :
 se wäs mon-cynnes mägenes strengest
 on þám däge þysses lîses,
 äðele and eácen. Hêt him ýð-lidan
 gôdne gegyrwan ; cwäð he gûð-cyning
 200 ofer swan-râde sêcean wolde,
 mærne þeóden, þâ him wäs manna þearf.
 Þone sîð-fât him snotere ceorlas
 lyt-hwon lôgon, þeáh he him leóf wäre ;
 hwetton higerðsne, hael sceáwedon.
 205 Häfde se gôda Geáta leóda
 cempan gecorone, þâra þe he cênost
 findan mihte ; fiftena sum
 sund-wudu sôhte ; secg wîsade,
 lagu-cräftig mon, land-gemyreu.
 210 Fyrst forð gewât : flota wäs on ýðum,
 bât under beorge. Beornas gearwe
 on stefn stigon ; streámas wundon
 sund wið sande ; secgas bæron
 on bearm nacan beorhte frätwe,
 215 gûð-searo geatolíc ; guman út scufon,
 weras on wil-sîð wudu bundenne.
 Gewât þâ ofer wæg-holm winde gefýsed
 flota fâmig-heals fugle gelicost,
 öð þät ymb ân-tid öðres dôgores
 220 wunden-stefna gewaden häfde,
 þät þâ lîðende land gesâwon,
 brim-clifu blîcan, beorgas steápe,
 sîde sæ-nässas : þâ wäs sund liden,
 eoletes ät ende. þanon up hraðe
 225 Wedera leóde on wang stigon,
 sæ-wudu sældon (syrcan hrysedon,
 gûð-gewædo) ; gode þancedon,

- þäs þe him ȳð-lâde eáðe wurdon.
 þā of wealle geseah weard Seildinga,
 230 se þe holm-clisu healdan scolde,
 beran ofer bolcan beorhte randas,
 fyrd-searu fûslieu; hine fyrwyt bräc
 môd-gehygdum, hwät þā men wæron.
 Gewât him þā tō waroðe wicge rîdan
 235 þegn Hrôðgåres, þrymmum cwehte
 mägen-wudu mundum, meðel-wordum frägn:
 “ Hwät syndon ge searo-häbbendra
 “ byrnum werede, þe þus brontne ceōl
 “ ofer lagu-stræte lædan ewômon,
 240 “ hider ofer holmas helmas bæron ?
 “ Ic wäs ende-sæta, æg-wearde lieóld,
 “ þät on land Dena lâðra nænig
 “ mid scip-herge sceðan ne meahte.
 “ Nô her cûðlicor cuman ongunnon
 245 “ lind-häbbende ; ne ge leáfnæs-word
 “ gûð-fremmendra gearwe ne wisson,
 “ mâga gemêdu. Næfre ic mâran geseah
 “ eorla ofer eorðan, þonne is eówer sum,
 “ secg on searwum ; nis þät sold-guma
 250 “ wæpnum geweorðad, näfne him his wlite leóge,
 “ ænlîc an-sýn. Nu ic eówer sceal
 “ frum-cyn witan, ær ge fyr heonan
 “ leáse seeáweras on land Dena
 “ furður fêran. Nu ge feor-bûend
 255 “ mere-lîðende mînne gehýrað
 “ ân-fealdne geþôht: ôfest is sêlest
 “ tð gecýðanne, hwanan eówre cyme syndon.”

V. THE ERRAND.

HIM se yldesta andswarode,
werodes wīsa word-hord onleác :
260 " We synt gum-cynnes Geáta leóde
" and Higeláeas heorð-geneátas.
" Wäss mīn fäder folcum gecýðed,
" äðele ord-fruma Eegþeów hâten ;
" gebâd wintra worn, ær he on weg hwurfe,
265 " gamol of geardum ; hine gearwe geman
" witena wel-hwyle wide geond eorðan.—
" We þurh holdne hige hlâford jinne,
" sunu Healdenes, sêcean cwômon,
" leód-gebyrgéan : wes þu ûs lârena gôd !
270 " Habbað we tô þäm mæran micel ærende
" Deniga freán ; ne sceal þær dyrne sum
" wesan, þäs ic wêne. Þu wâst, gif hit is,
" swâ we sôðlîce seegan hýrdon,
" þât mid Scyldingum sceada ic nât hwyle,
275 " deógol dæd-hata, deorcum nihtum
" eáweð þurh egasan uncûðne nîð,
" hýnðu and hrâ-fyl. Ic þäs Hrôðgâr mág
" þurh rûmne sefan ræd gelæran,
" hû he frôd and gôd feónd oferswýðeð,
280 " gyf him ed-wendan æfre scolde
" bealuwa bisigu, bôt est cuman
" and þa cear-wylmas côlran wurðað ;
" oððe â syððan earfoð-þrage,
" þreá-nýð polað, þenden þær wunað
285 " on heálh-stede hûsa sêlest."
Weard maðelode, þær on wiege sät
ombeht unforht : " Æghwâðres sceal
" scearp scyld-wîga gescâd witan,
" worda and worca, se þe wel þenceð.

- 290 " Ic þät gehŷre, þät þis is hold weorod
 " freán Seyldinga. Gewîtað forð beran
 " wæpen and gewædu, ic eów wîsige:
 " swylce ic magu-þegnas mîne hâte
 " wið feónda gehwone flotan eówerne,
 295 " niw-tyrwedne naean on sande
 " ârum healdan, ðð þät eft byreð
 " ofer lagu-streámas leófne mannan
 " wudu wunden-hals tō Weder-mearce.
 " Gûð-fremmendra swylenum gifeðe bið,
 300 " þät þone hilde-ræs hâl gedîgeð."
 Gewiton him þâ fêran (flota stille bâd,
 seomode on sâle sîd-fäämed scyp,
 on ancre fäst); eofor-lîc sciónon
 ofer hleór-beran gehroden golde
 305 fâh and fýr-heard, ferh wearde heôld.
 Gûðmôde grummon, guman onetton,
 sigon ätsomne, ðð þät hy säl timbred
 geatolîc and gold-fâh ongytan mihton;
 þät wâs fore-mærost fold-bûendum
 310 receda under roderum, on þäm se rîca bâd;
 lixte se leóma ofer landa fela.
 Him þâ hilde-deór hof môdigra
 torht getæhte, þät hie him tō mihton
 gegnum gangan; gûð-beorna sum
 315 wieg gewende, word äfter cwäð:
 " Mæl is me tō fêran; fäder alwalda
 " mid âr-stafum eówic gehealde
 " sîða gesunde! ic tō sæ wille,
 " wið wrâð werod wearde healdan."

VI. BEÓWULF'S SPEECH.

- 320 STRÆT wäs stân-fâh, stîg wîsode
 gumum ätgädere. Gûð-byrne scân
 heard hond-locen, hring-îren seîr
 song in searwum, þâ hie tô sele furðum
 in hyra gryre-geatwum gangan cwômon.
- 325 Setton sæ-mêðe sîde scyldas,
 rondas regn-hearde wið þâs recedes weal,
 bugon þâ tô bence; byrnan hringdon,
 gûð-searo gumena; gâras stôdon,
 sæ-manna searo. samod ätgädere,
- 330 äsc-holt usfan græg: wäs se ïren-þreát
 wæpnum gewurðad. þâ þær wlone häleð
 oret-meegas äfter äðelum frâgn:
 “ Hwanon ferigeað ge fätte scyldas,
 “ græge syrcan and grîm-helmas,
- 335 “ here-sceafta heáp? — Ic eom Hrôðgâres
 “ âr and ombiht. Ne seah ic el-þeódige
 “ þus manige men môdiglieran.
 “ Wên’ ic þât ge for wlenco, nalles for wræc-siðum,
 “ ac for hige-þrymmum Hrôðgâr sôhton.”
- 340 Him þâ ellen-rôf andswarode,
 wlanc Wedera leód word äfter spräc,
 heard under helme: “ We synt Higelâces
 “ beód-geneátas; Beówulf is mîn nama.
 “ Wille ic åsecgan suna Healfdenes,
- 345 “ mærum þeódne mîn ærende,
 “ aldre þînum, gif he ûs geunnan wile,
 “ þât we hine swâ gôdne grêtan môton.”
 Wulfgâr maðelode (þât wäs Wendla leód,
 wäs his môd-sefa manegum gecyðed,
- 350 wîg and wîs-dôm): “ ic þâs wine Deniga,
 “ freán Scildinga frinan wille,

- “ beága bryttan, swâ þu bêna eart,
 “ þeóden mærne ymb jînne sîð;
 “ and þe þâ andsware ädre gecýðan,
 355 “ þe me se gôda ágisan þenceð.”
 Hwearf þâ hrädlîce, þær Hrôðgár sät,
 eald and unhâr mid his eorla gedriht;
 eode ellen-rôf, þât he for eaxlum gestôd
 Deniga freán, cûðe he duguðe þeáw.
 360 Wulfgár maðelode tô his wine-drihtne:
 “ Her syndon geserede feorran cumene
 “ ofer geofenes begang Geáta leóde:
 “ þone yldestan oret-meegas
 “ Beówulf nemnað. Hy bênan synt,
 365 “ þât hie, þeóden mân, wið þe môton
 “ wordum wrixlan; nô þu him wearne geteóh,
 “ þînra gegn-ewida glädnian, Hrôðgár!
 “ Hy on wîg-geatwum wyrðe þinceað
 “ eorla geæhtlan; hâru se aldor deáh,
 370 “ se þæm heaðo-rincum hider wîsade.”

VII. HROTHGAR'S WELCOME.

- HROTHGÂR maðelode, helm Seyldinga:
 “ Ic hine cûðe cniht-wesende.
 “ Wäs his eald-fäder Ecgþeó hâten,
 “ þäm tô hâm forgeaf Hrêðel Geáta
 375 “ ângan dôlтор; is his easora nu
 “ heard her cumen, sôhte holdne wine.
 “ Þonne sägdon þât sæ-lîðende,
 “ þâ þe gif-sceattas Geáta fyredon
 “ þyder tô þane, þât he þrittiges
 380 “ manna mägen-eräft on his mund-gripe
 “ heaðo-rôf hâbbe. Hine hâlig god
 “ for âr-stafum ûs onsende,

- “ tō West-Denum, þās ic wēn hābbe,
 “ wið Grendles gryre: ic þām gōdan sceal
 385 “ for his mōd-þrāce mādmas beódan.
 “ Beō þu on ðfeste, hāt *hig* in gān,
 “ seón sibbe-gedriht samod ätgädere;
 “ gesaga him eác wordum, þāt hie sint wil-cuman
 “ Deniga leódum.” Þā wið *duru healle*
 390 *Wulfgār eode*, word inne ābeád:
 “ Eów hēt seegan sige-drihten mān,
 “ aldon Eást-Dena, þāt he cōwer äðelu can
 “ and ge him syndon ofer sāe-wylmas,
 “ heard-hiegende, hider wil-cuman.
 395 “ Nu ge mōton gangan in eórum gūð-geatawum,
 “ under here-grīman, Hrōðgār geseón;
 “ lætað hilde-bord her onbidian,
 “ wudu wāl-sceaftas, worda geþinges.”
 Arās þā se rīca, ymb hine rīne manig,
 400 þryðlīc þegna heáp; sume þær bidon,
 heaðo-reáf heóldon, swā him se hearda bebeád.
 Snyredon ätsomne, þā seeg wīsode
 under Heorotes hrōf; *hyge-rōf eode*,
 heard under helme, þāt he on heoðe gestōd.
 405 Beowulf maðelode (on him byrne scān,
 searo-net scówed smiðes or-þancum):
 “ Wes þu Hrōðgār hāl! ic eom Higelāces
 “ mæg and mago-þegn; hābbe ic mærða fela
 “ ongunnen on geogoðe. Me wearð Grendles þing
 410 “ on mānre êðel-tyrf undyrne cūð:
 “ seogað sāe-līðend, þāt þes sele stande,
 “ reced sēlestā, rīnca gehwylecum
 “ ðīdel and unnyt, siððan æfen-leóht
 “ under heofenes hādor beholen weorðeð.
 415 “ þā me þāt gelærdon leóde māne,
 “ þā sēlestā, snotere ceorlas,
 “ þeóden Hrōðgār, þāt ic þe sōhte;

- “ forþan hie mägenes cräft minne cûðon :
 “ selfe ofersâwon, þâ ic of searwum cwom,
 420 “ fâh from feóndum, þær ic fîfe geband,
 “ ýðde eotena cyn, and on ýðum slôg
 “ niceras nihtes, nearo-þearfe dreáh,
 “ wräc Wedera nîð (weán âhsodon)
 “ forgrand gramum ; and nu wið Grendel sceal,
 425 “ wið þam aglæcan, âna gehegan
 “ þing wið þyrse. Ic þe nu þâ,
 “ brego Beorht-Dena, biddan wille,
 “ eodor Scyldinga, ânre bêne ;
 “ þât þu me ne forwyrne, wigendra hleð,
 430 “ freó-wine folca, nu ic þus feorran com,
 “ þât ic môte âna and mînra eorla gedryht,
 “ þes hearda heáp, Heorot fâlsian.
 “ Hâbbe ic eác geâlisod, þât se äglæca
 “ for his won-hydum wæpna ne rêceð ;
 435 “ ie þât þonne forhiege, swâ me Higelâc sîe,
 “ mîn mon-drihten, môdes bliðe,
 “ þât ic sweord bere oððe sîdne scyld
 “ geolo-rand tô gûðe ; ac ic mid grâpe sceal
 “ fôn wið feónde and ymb feorh sacan,
 440 “ lâð wið lâðum ; þær gelýfan sceal
 “ dryhtnes dôme se þe hine deáð nimeð.
 “ Wên’ ic þât he wille, gif he wealdan môt,
 “ in þäm gûð-sele Geátena leóde
 “ etan unforhte, swâ he oft dyde
 445 “ mägen Hrêðmanna. Nâ þu mînne þearft
 “ hafalan hýdan, ac he me habban wile
 “ dreore fâhne, gif mec deáð nimeð,
 “ byreð blôdig wäl, byrgean þenceð,
 “ eteð ân-genga unmurnlîce,
 450 “ mearcað môr-hôpu : nô þu ymb mînes ne þearft
 “ lîces feorme leng sorgian.
 “ Onsend Higelâce, gif mec hild nime,

“beadu-serða betst, þät mîne breóst wereð,
 “hrägla sëlest; þät is Hrêðlan lâf,
 455 “Wêlandes geweorc. Gæð à Wyrd swâ hió scel!”

VIII. HROTHGAR TELLS OF GRENDEL.

HRÖÐGÂR maðelode, helm Seyldinga:
 “for were-fyltum þu, wine mân Beówulf,
 “and for âr-stafum ûsic sôhtest.
 “Geslôh þin fäder fæhðe mæste,
 460 “wearð he Heaðolâfe tô hand-bonan
 “mid Wilsingum; þâ hine Wedera cyn
 “for here-brôgan habban ne mihte.
 “þanon he gesôlte Sûð-Dena folc
 “ofer yða gewealc, Âr-Seyldinga;
 465 “þâ ic furðum weôld folce Deninga,
 “and on geogoðe heôld gimme-rîce
 “hord-burh häleða: þâ wäs Heregår deâd,
 “mân yldra mæg unlifigende,
 “bearn Healfdenes. Se wäs betera þonne ic!
 470 “Siððan þâ fæhðe feó þingode;
 “sende ic Wylfingum ofer wäteres hrycg
 “ealde mâmmas: he me âðas swôr.
 “Sorh is me tô seccanne on sefan mînum
 “gumena ængum, hwât me Grendel hafað
 475 “hýnðo on Heorote mid his hete-þancum,
 “fær-nîða gefremed. Is mân flet-werod,
 “wîg-heáp gewanod; hie Wyrd forsweóp
 “on Grendles gryre. God eáðe mæg
 “þone dol-scaðan dæda getwæfan!
 480 “Ful oft gebeótedon beôre druncne
 “ofer ealo-wæge oret-meegas,
 “þät hie in beôr-sele bîdan woldon
 “Grendles gûðe mid gryrum ecka.

“ þonne wäs þeos medo-heal on morgen-tid,
 485 “ driht-sele dreór-fâh, þonne däg lixte,
 “ eal benc-þelu blôde bestymed,
 “ heall heoru-dreore: áhte ic holdra þy läs,
 “ deörre duguðe, þe þâ deáð fornam.
 “ Site nu tâ synile and onsæl meoto,
 490 “ sige-hrêð secgum, swâ þin sefa hwette!”
 þâ wäs Geát-mæc gum geador ätsomne
 on beór-sele benc gerymed;
 þær swið-ferhðe sittan eodon
 þryðum dealle. þegn nytte beheold,
 495 se þe on handa bär hroden ealo-wæge,
 scencte scîr wered. Scop hwilum sang
 hâdor on Heorote; þær wäs häleða dreám,
 duguð unlytel Dena and Wedera.

IX. HUNFERTH OBJECTS TO BEÓWULF.

HUNFERÐ maðelode, Egglâses bearne,
 500 þe ät fôtum sät freán Scyldinga;
 onband beadu-rûne (wäs him Beówulfes sîð,
 môdges mere-faran, micel äf-þunca,
 forþon þe he ne ûðe, þât ænig öðer man
 æfre mærða þon mā middan-geardes
 505 gehêdde under heofenum þonne he sylfa):
 “ Eart þu se Beówulf, se þe wið Brekan wunne,
 “ on sîlne sæ ymb sund flite,
 “ þær git for wlence wada cunnedon
 “ and for dol-gilpe on deóp wäter
 510 “ aldrum nêðdon? Ne inc ænig mon,
 “ ne leóf ne lâð, beleán milhte
 “ sorh-fullne sîð; þâ git on sund reón,
 “ þær git eágor-streám earmum þelton,
 “ mæton mere-stræta, mundum brugdon,

- 515 " glidon ofer gâr-seeg ; geoſon ȳðum weōl,
 " wintres wylme. Git on wâteres æht
 " ſeofon niht ſwuncon ; he þe åt ſunde oferflât,
 " häſdle mâre mägen. På hine on morgen-tid
 " on Heaðo-raemas holm up ätbär,
- 520 " þonon he gesôhte ſwæſne êdel
 " leóf his leódum lond Brondinga,
 " freoðo-burh fâgere, þær he folc âhte,
 " burg and beágas. Beót eal wið þe
 " ſunu Beánſtânes sôðe gelæſte.
- 525 " þonne wêne ie tô þe wyrsan geþinges,
 " þeah þu heáðo-ræſa gehwær dohite,
 " grimre gûðe, gif þu Grendles dearſt
 " niht-longne fyrfst neán bîdan !"
 Beowulf maðelode, bearn Ecgþeówes :
- 530 " Hwät þu worn ſela, wine mân Hûnferð,
 " beóre druncen ymb Breecan ſpræce,
 " sâgdest from his ſiðe ! Sôð ic talige,
 " þât ic mere-strengo mâran âhte,
 " eaſeðo on ȳðum, þonne ænig ôðer man.
- 535 " Wit þât geƿædon eniht-wesende
 " and gebeótelon (wæron begen þâ git
 " on geogoð-feore) þât wit on gâr-seeg ût
 " aldrum nêðdon ; and þât geäſnudon swâ.
 " Häſdon ſwurd nacod, þâ wit on ſund reón,
- 540 " heard on handa, wit une wið hron-fixas
 " werian þôlton. Nô he wiht fram me
 " flôd-ȳðum feor fleótan mealhte,
 " hraðor on holme, nô ie fram him wolde.
 " þâ wit ätsomne on sæ wæron
- 545 " fîſ nihta fyrfst, ðð þât une flôd tôdrâf,
 " wado weallende, wedera cealdost,
 " nîpende niht and norðan wind
 " heaðo-grim andhwearf ; hreó wæron ȳða.
 " Wâs mere-fixa môd onhrêred :

- 550 " þær me wið lāðum līc-syree mīn,
 " heard hond-locen, helpe gefremede;
 " beado-hrägl broden on breóstum läg,
 " golde gegyrwed. Me tō grunde teáh
 " fāh feónd-scaða, fäste häfde
 555 " grim on gråpe: hwäðre me gyfeðe wearð,
 " þät ic aglæcan orde gerælte,
 " hilde-bille; heaðo-ræs fornam
 " mihtig mere-deór þurh mīne hand.

X. BEÓWULF'S CONTEST WITH BRECA.—THE FEAST.

- " Swâ mee gelôme lâð-geteónan
 560 " þrætedon þearle. Ic him þênode
 " deóran sweorde, swâ hit gedêfe wäs;
 " näs hie þære fylle geseán häfdon,
 " mân-fordædlan, þät hie me þégon,
 " symbol ymb-sæton sæ-grunde neáh,
 565 " ac on mergenne mécum wunde
 " be uppe lægon,
 " swe dum áswefede, þät syððan nâ
 " ymb brontne ford brim-liðende
 " lâde ne letton. Leóht eástan com,
 570 " beorht heácen godes; brimu swaðredon,
 " þät ic sæ-nässas geseón milhte,
 " windige weallas. Wyrd oft nereð
 " unsfægne eorl, ðonne his ellen deáh!
 " Hwäðere me gesælde, þät ic mid sweorde ofslâh
 575 " niceras nigene. Nô ic on niht gefrägn
 " under heofones hwealf heardran scohtan,
 " ne on êg-streánum earmran mannan;
 " hwäðere ie fâra feng feore gedigde,
 " sîðes wêrig. þâ mec sæ ððbär,
 580 " flðd äfter faroðe, on Finna land,

- “ wadu weallendu. Nō ic wiht fram þe
 “ swylera searo-nīða seegan hýrde,
 “ billa brôgan : Breea næfre git
 “ ät heaðo-lâce, ne gehwâðer incer
 585 “ swâ deórlîce dæd gefremede
 “ fâgum sweordum
 “ nō ic þâs gylpe ;
 “ þeâh þu þînum brôðrum tô banan wurde,
 “ heâfod-mægum ; þâs þu in helle scealt
 590 “ werhðo dreógan, þeâh þîn wit duge.
 “ Sege ic þe tô sôðe, sunu Eeglâfes,
 “ þât næfre Grendel swâ fela gryra gefremede,
 “ atol äglæca ealdre þînum,
 “ hýndö on Heorote, gif þîn hige wære,
 595 “ sefa swâ searo-grim, swâ þu self talast.
 “ Ac he hafað onfunden, þât he þâ fæhðe ne þearf,
 “ atole eeg-þräce eówer leóde
 “ swîðe onsittan, Sige-Scyldinga ;
 “ nymeð nýd-bâde, nænegum ârað
 600 “ leóde Deniga, ac he on lust wîgeð,
 “ swefeð ond sendeð, säcce ne wêneð
 “ tô Gâr-Denum. Ac him Geáta sceal
 “ easoð and ellen ungeâra nu
 “ gûðe gebeódan. Gæð est se þe môt
 605 “ tô medo môdig, siððan morgen-leóht
 “ ofer ylda bearн ðôres dôgores,
 “ sunne swegl-wered sùðan scîneð !”
 þâ wâs on sâlum sinceß brytta
 gamol-feax and gûð-rôf, geóce gelýfde
 610 brego Beorht-Dena ; gehýrde on Beôwulfe
 folces hyrde fäst-rædne geþôht.
 þær wâs hâleða hleaþor ; hlyn swynsode,
 word wæron wynsume. Eode Wealhþeôw forð,
 cwên Hrôðgâres, cynna gemyndig,
 615 grête gold-hroden guman on healle,

and þā freólic wīf ful gesealde
 ærest Eást-Dena êðel-wearde,
 bād hine blīðne ät þære beór-þege,
 leódum leófne; he on lust geþeah
 620 symbol and sele-ful, sige-rôf kyning.
 Ymb-eode þā ides Helminga
 duguðe and geogoðe dæl aeghwylene;
 sinc-fato sealde, ôð þät sæl alamp,
 þät hió Beówulfse, beág-hroden cwên,
 625 môde geþungen, medo-ful ätbär;
 grête Geáta leód, gode þancode
 wîs-fäst wordum, þäs je hire se willa gelamp,
 þät heó on ænigne eorl gelyfde
 fyrena frôfre. He þät ful geþeah,
 630 wäl-reów wîga ät Wealhþeón,
 and þā gyddode gûðe gefýsed,
 Beówulf maðelode, bearн Eegþeówes:
 “ Ic þät hogode, þā ic on holm gestâh,
 “ sæ-bât gesät mid mînra secga gedriht,
 635 “ þät ic ânunga eówra leóda
 “ willan geworhte, oððe on wäl erunge,
 “ feónd-grâpum fäst. Ic gefremman sceal
 “ eorlíc ellen, oððe ende-dâg
 “ on þisse meodu-healle mînne gebîdan.”
 640 þam wîfe þā word wel lîcodon,
 gilp-ewide Geátes; eode gold-hroden
 freólicu folc-ewen tō hire freán sittan.
 þā wäs est swâ aer inne on healle
 þryð-word sprecen, þeód on sâlum,
 645 sige-folca swêg, ôð þät semninga
 sunu Healfdenes sêcean wolde
 æfen-râste; wiste ät þäm ahlæcan
 tō þäm heâh-sele hilde geþinged,
 siððan hie sunnan leóht geseón ne meahton,
 650 oððe nîpende niht ofer calle,

seadu-helma gesceapu scriðan cwðman,
 wan under wolenum. Werod eall árás.
 Grête þâ *giddum* guma ðerne,
 Hrôðgár Beówulf, and him hael ábeád,
 655 win-ärnes geweald and þât word fæwâð :
 “ Næfre ic ænegum men ær ălfyfle,
 “ siððan ic hond and rond hebban mihte,
 “ þryð-ärn Dena buton þe nu þâ.
 “ Hasa nu and geheald hûsa sêlest ;
 660 “ gemyne mærðo, mägen-ellen cýð,
 “ waca wið wrâðum ! Ne bið þe wilna gâd,
 “ gif þu þât ellen-weorc aldre gedîgest.”

XI. THE WATCH FOR GRENDEL.

þâ him Hrôðgár gewât mid his häleða gedryht,
 eodur Scyldinga út of healle ;
 665 wolde wîg-fruma Wealhþeo sêcan,
 ewen tô gebeddan. Häfde kyninga wuldor
 Grendle tô-geánes, swâ guuman gefrungon,
 sele-weard áseted : sundor-nytte beheold
 ymb aldon Dena, eoton weard ábeád ;
 670 hûru Geáta leód georne trûwode
 môdgân mägnes, metodes hyldo.
 þâ he him of dyde ísern-byrnan,
 helm of hafelan, sealde his hyrsted sweord,
 írena cyst ombiht-þegne,
 675 and gehealdan hêt hilde-geatwe.
 Gespräc å se góda gylp-worda sum
 Beówulf Geáta, ær he on bed stige :
 “ Nô ic me an here-wæsmun hnâgran talige
 “ gûð-geweorca. þonne Grendel hine ;
 680 “ forþan ic hine sweorde swæbba nælle,
 “ aldre beneðtan, þeáh ic eal mæge.

- " Nāt he þāra gōda, þāt he me on-geán sleá,
 " rand geheáwe, þeáh þe he rōf sīe
 " nīð-geweorca; ac wit on niht sculon
 685 " sege ofersittan, gif he gesēcean dear
 " wīg ofer wæpen, and siððan witig god
 " on swā hwäðere hond hālig dryhten
 " mærðo dēme, swā him gemet þince."
- Hylde hine þā heaðo-deór, hleór-bolster onfēng
 690 eorles andwlitan; and hine ymb monig
 snellīc sæ-rinc sele-reste gebeálu.
- Nænig heora þōhte þāt he þanon scolde
 eft eard-lufan æfre gesēcean,
 folc oððe freó-burh, þær he Ȑfēded wās,
 695 ac hie häfdon gefrunen, þāt hie aer tō fela micles
 in þām win-sele wäl-deáð fornām,
 Denigea leóde. Ac him dryhten forgeaf
 wīg-spēda gewiofu, Wedera leódlum
 frōfor and fultum, þāt hie feónd heora
 700 þurh ânes cräft ealle ofercōmon,
 selfes mihtum: sôð is gecŷðed,
 þāt mihtig god manna cynnes
 weóld wide-ferhð. Com on wanre niht
 scriðan sceadu-genga. Sceótend swæfon,
- 705 þā þāt horn-reced healdan scoldon,
 ealle buton ânum. þāt wās yldum cûð,
 þāt hie ne mōste, þā metod nolde,
 se syn-scaða under sceadu bregdan;
 ac he wāccende wrâðum on andan
- 710 bâd bolgen-mðd beadwa geþinges.

XII. GRENDEL'S RAID.

þâ com of môre under mist-hleoðum
 Grendel gongan, godes yrre bär.
 Mynte se mân-scaða manna cynnes
 sumne besyrwan in sele þam heán ;
 715 wôd under wolenum, tô þas þe he win-reced,
 gold-sele gumena, gearwost wisse
 fættum fâlne. Ne wäs þât forma sîð,
 þât he Hrôdgåres hám gesôlte :
 næfre he on aldor-dagum ær ne siððan
 720 heardran häle, heal-þegnas fand !
 Com þâ tô recede rinc sîðian
 dreánum bedæled. Duru sôna onarn
 fýr-bendum fäst, syððan he hine folmum hrâñ ;
 onbrüd þâ bealo-hydig, þâ he âbolgen wäs,
 725 recedes mûðan. Raðe äfter þon
 on fâgne flor feónd treddode,
 eode yrre-môd ; him of eágum stôd
 lige gelicost leóht unfäger.
 Geseah he in recede rinca manige,
 730 swefan sibbe-gedriht samod ätgädere,
 mago-rinca heáp : þâ his môd åhlôg,
 mynte þât he gedælde, ær þon dâg cwôme,
 atol aglæca, ânra gehwylces
 líf wið líce, þâ him âlumpen wäs
 735 wist-sylle wên. Ne wäs þât wyrd þâ gen,
 þât he mân môste manna cynnes
 þicgean ofer þâ niht. Þryð-swyð beheôld
 mæg Higelâces, hû se mân-scaða
 under fær-gripum gefaran wolde.
 740 Ne þât se aglæca yldan þôhte,
 ac he gefêng hraðe forman sîðe
 slæpendne rinc, slât unwearnum,

bât bân-locan, blôd êdrum dranc,
 syn-snædum swealh: sôna hâfde
 745 unlyfigendes eal gefeormod
 fêt and folma. Forð neár ätstôp,
 nam þâ mid handa hige-þihtigne
 rinc on räste; ræhte ongeán
 feónd mid solme, he onfêng hraðe
 750 inwit-þaneum and wið earm gesät.
 Sôna þât onfunde fyrena hyrde,
 þât he ne mêtte middan-geardes
 eorðan sceáta on elran men
 mund-gripe mâran: he on môde wearð
 755 forht on ferhðe, nô þý aer fram meahte;
 hyge wäs him hin-fûs, wolde on heolster fleón,
 sécan deófla gedräg: ne wäs his drohtoð þær,
 swylce he on ealder-dagum aer gemêtte.
 Gemunde þâ se gôda maeg Higelâces
 760 æfen-spræce, up-lang âstôd
 and him fâste wiðfêng. Fingras burston;
 eoten wäs ût-weard, eorl furður stôp.
 Mynte se mæra, þær he meahte swâ,
 widre gewindan and on weg þanon
 765 fleón on fen-hôpu; wiste his fingra geweald
 on grames grâpum. þât wäs geócor sîð,
 þât se hearm-scaða tô Heorute âteáh:
 dryht-sele dynede, Denum eallum wearð,
 ceaster-bûendum, cénra gehwylcum,
 770 eorlum ealu-scerwen. Yre wæron begen,
 rêðe rên-weardas. Reced hlynsole;
 þâ wäs wundor micel, þât se win-sele
 wiðhâfde heaðo-deórum, þât he on hrusan ne feól.
 fäger fold-bold; ac he þâs fâste wäs
 775 innan and ûtan ïren-bendum
 searo-þoneum besmiðod. þær fram sylle åbeág
 medu-bene monig mîne gefræge,

golde geregnad, þær þâ graman wunnon ;
 þâs ne wêndon aer witan Scyldinga,
 780 þât hit â mid gemete manna ænig
 betlîc and bân-fâg tôbrecan meahte,
 listum tôlûcan, nymðe lîges fâðm
 swulge on swaðule. Swêg up âstâg
 niwe geneahlhe; Norð-Denum stôd
 785 atelîc egesa ânra gehwylecum
 þâra þe of wealle wôp gehýrdon,
 gryre-leóð galan godes andsacan,
 sige-leásne sang, sâr wânigean
 helle häftan. Heóld hine tô fäste
 790 se þe manna wâs mägene strengest
 on þâm däge þysses lîses.

XIII. BEÓWULF TEARS OFF GRENDEL'S ARM.

NOLDE eorla hleô ænige þinga
 þone cwealm-cuman cwicne forlætan,
 ne his lîf-dagas leôda ænigum
 795 nytte tealde. Þær genehost brägd
 eorl Beowulfes ealde lâfe,
 wolde freá-drihtnes seorh ealgian
 mæres þeódnes, Þær hie mealton swâ;
 hie þât ne wiston, þâ hie gewin drugon,
 800 heard-hicgende hilde-mecgas,
 and on healfa gehwone heáwan þôhton,
 sâwle sêcan, þüt þone syn-scaðan
 ænig ofer eorðan irenna cyst,
 gûð-billa nân grêtan nolde ;
 805 ac he sige-wæpnum forsworen hâfde,
 eega gehwylere. Scolde his aldur-gedâl
 on þâm däge þysses lîses
 earmlîc wurðan and se ellor-gâst

- on feónda geweald feor s̄fðian.
 810 þâ þät onfunde se þe fela æror
 môdes myrðe manna cynne
 fyrene gefremede (he *wüs* fâg wið god)
 þät him se lîc-homa læstan nolde,
 ac hine se môdega mæg Hygelâces
 815 häfde be honda ; wäs gelhwäder ôðrum
 lifigende lâð. Lîc-sâr gebâd
 atol äglæca, him on eaxle wearð
 syn-dolh sweotol, seonowe onsprungon,
 burston bân-locan. Beôwulfe wearð
 820 gûð-hrêð gyfeðe ; scolde Grendel þonan
 feorh-seóc fleón under fen-hleoðu,
 sêcean wyn-leás wîc ; wiste þê geornor,
 þät his aldres wäs ende gegongen,
 dôgera dâg-rim. Denum eallum wearð
 825 äfter þam wäl-ræse willa gelumpen.
 Häfde þâ gefâlsod, sé þeær seorran com,
 snotor and swýð-ferhð sele Hrôdgâres,
 genered wið nîðe. Niht-weorce gefeh,
 ellen-mærðum ; häfde Eást-Denum
 830 Geát-mecga leód gilp gelæsted,
 swylee oncyððe ealle gebêtte,
 inwid-sorge, þe hieær drugon
 and for þreá-nýdum þolian scoldon,
 torn unlytel. þät wäs tâcen sweotol,
 835 syððan hilde-deór hond âlegde,
 earm and eaxle (þær wäs eal geador
 Grendles grâpe) under geápne hrôf.

XIV. THE JOY AT HEOROT.

þâ wâs on morgen mîne gesfræge
 ymb þâ gif-healle gûð-rinc monig :
 840 fêrdon folc-togan feorran and neán
 geond wîd-wegas wundor sceáwian,
 lâðes lâstas. Nô his lîf-gedâl
 sârlîc þûhte seoga ænegum,
 þâra þe tîr-leáses trode sceáwode,
 845 hû he wêrig-môd on weg þanon,
 nîða ofercumen, on nicera mere
 fæge and geflýmed feorh-lâstas bär.
 þær wâs on blôde brim weallende,
 atol ðâ geswing eal gemenged
 850 hâtan heolfre, heoro-dreóre weôl ;
 deáð-säge deóg, siððan dreáma leás
 in fen-freoðo feorh âlegde
 hæðene sâwle, þær him hel onsfêng.
 þanon eft gewiton eald-gesîðas,
 855 swyld geong manig of gomen-wâðe,
 fram mere môdge, mearum rîdan,
 beornas on blancum. þær wâs Beôwulfes
 mærðo mæned; monig oft geewäð,
 þätte sût ne norð be säm tweonum
 860 ofer eormen-grund ôðer nænig
 under swegles begong sêlra nære
 rond-häbbendra, rîces wyrðra.
 Ne hie hûru wine-drihten wiht ne lôgon,
 glädne Hrôðgår, ac þât wâs gôd cyning.
 865 Hwîlum heaðo-rôfe hleápan lêton,
 on geflit faran fealwe mearas,
 þær him fold-wegas fágere þûhton,
 cystum cûðe; hwîlum cyninges þegn,
 guma gilp-hläden gidda gemyndig,

- 870 se þe eal-fela eald-gesegen
 worn gemunde, word ôðer fand
 sôðe gebunden: secg eft ongan
 sîð Beowulfes snyttrum styrian
 and on spêd wrecan spel gerâde,
 875 wordum wrixlan, wel-hwylc gecwâð,
 þât he fram Sigemunde secgan hýrde,
 ellen-dædum, uncûðes fela,
 Wâlsinges gewin, wide sîðas,
 þâra þe gumena bearn gearwe ne wiston,
 880 fæhðe and fyrene, buton Fitela mid hine,
 þonne he swylces hwât secgan wolde
 eám his nefan, swâ hie â wæron
 ät nîða gehwam nýd-gesteallan:
 häfdon eal-fela eotena cynnes
 885 sweordum gesæged. Sigemunde gesprong
 äfter deáð-däge dôm unlýtel,
 syððan wîges heard wyrm âcwealde,
 hordes hyrde; he under hárne stân,
 äðelinges bearn, âna genêðde
 890 frêcne dæde; ne wäs him Fitela mid.
 Hwâðre him gesælde, þât þât swurd þurhwôd
 wrâtlîcne wyrm, þât hit on wealle ätstôd,
 dryhtlic fren; draca morðre swealt.
 Häfde aglæca elne gegongen,
 895 þât he beâh-hordes brûcan môste
 selfes dôme: sæ-bât gehlôd,
 bär on bearm scipes beorhte frätwa,
 Wâlses eafera; wyrm hât gemealt.
 Se wäs wreccena wide mærost
 900 ofer wer-þeóde, wîgendra hleô
 ellen-dædum (he þäs ær onþâh),
 sîððan Heremôdes hild sweðrode
 eafoð and ellen. He mid eotenum wearð
 on feónda geweald forð forlâcen,

905 snûde forsended. Hine sorh-wylmas
 lemede tô lange, he his leôdum wearð,
 eallum äðelingum tô aldor-ceare ;
 swyloe oft benearn ærran mælum
 swîð-ferhðes sîð snotor ceorl monig,
 910 se þe him bealwa tô bôte gelýfde,
 þât þât þeódnes bearn geþeón scolde,
 fäder-äðelum onfôn, folc gehealdan,
 hord and hleó-burh. häleða rîce,
 êðel Scyldinga. He þær eallum wearð,
 915 mæg Higelâces manna cynne,
 freóndum gefägra ; hine fyren onwôd.

Hwîlum flîtende fealwe stræte
 mearum mæton. þâ wäs morgen-leóht
 scofen and scynded. Eode seealc monig
 920 swîð-hicgende tô sele þam heán,
 searo-wundor seón, swyloe self cyning,
 of brýd-bûre beáh-horda weard,
 tryddode tîr-fäst getrumne micle,
 cystum gecýðed, and his cwên mid him
 925 medo-stig gemät mägða hôse.

XV. HROTHGAR'S GRATULATION.

HRÔÐGÂR maðelode (he tô healle geóng,
 stôd on stapole, geseah steápne hrôf
 golde fähne and Grendles hond) :
 “ þisse ansýne al-wealdan þanc
 930 “ lungre gelimpe ! Fela ic lâðes gebâd,
 “ grynnna ät Grendle : å mäg god wyrean
 “ wunder äfter wundre, wuldres hyrde !
 “ þât wäs ungeâra, þât ic ænigra me
 “ weána ne wênde tô wîdan feore

- 935 " bôte gebîdan þonne blôde fâh
 " hûsa sêlest heoro-dreórig stôd;
 " weá wîd-scofen witena gehwylcne
 " þara þe ne wêndon, þât hie wide-ferhð
 " leôda land-geweorc lâðum beweredon
- 940 " scuecum and scinnum. Nu scealc hafað
 " þurh drihtnes miht dæd gesfremede,
 " þe we ealle ær ne meahton
 " snyttrum besyrwan. Hwät! þât seegan mäg
 " efne swâ hwyle mägða, swâ þone magan cende
- 945 " äfter gum-cynnum, gyf heó gyt lyfað,
 " þât hyre eald-metod êste wäre
 " bearn-gebyrdo. Nu ic Beówulf
 " þec, seeg betsta, me for sunu wylle
 " freógan on ferhðe; heald forð tela
- 950 " niwe sibbe. Ne bið þe nænigra gâd
 " worolde wilna, þe ic geweald hâbba.
 " Ful-oft ic for lässan leán teohhode
 " hord-weorðunge hnâhran rince,
 " sämran ät säcce. Þu þe self hafast
- 955 " dædum gefremed, þât þin dôm lyfað
 " âwâ tô aldre. Alwalda þec
 " gôde forgylde, swâ he nu gyt dyde!"
- Beówulf maðelode, bearn Ecgþeowes:
 " We þât ellen-weore êstum mielum,
- 960 " feohtan fremedon, frêne genêðdon
 " easfoð uneñðes; ûðe ic swîðor,
 " þât þu hine selfne geseón môste,
 " feónd on frâtewum fyl-wêrigne!
 " Ie hine hrädlîce heardan clammum
- 965 " on wäl-bedde wrîðan þôhte,
 " þât he for mund-gripe mînum scolde
 " licgean lif-bysig, butan his lîc swîce;
 " ic hine ne mihte, þâ metod nolde,
 " ganges getwæman, nô ic him þas georne ätfealh,

- 970 " feorh-genīðlan ; wäs tō fore-mihtig
 " feónd on fēðe. Hwāðere he his folme forlēt
 " tō līf-wraðe lāst weardian,
 " earm and eaxle ; nō þær ænige swā þeáh
 " feá-sceaft guma frōfre gebohte :
 975 " nō þý leng leofað lāð-geteóna
 " synnum gesweneed, ac hyne sár hafað
 " in nýd-gripe nearwe befongan,
 " balwon bendum : þær ábīdan sceal
 " maga māne fāh miclan dōmes,
 980 " hū him scír metod serífan wille."
 þā wäs swīgra secg, sunu Ecglāfes,
 on gylp-spræce gūð-geweorca,
 siðan äðelingas eorles cräfte
 ofer heáhne hrōf hand sceáwedon,
 985 feóndes fingras, foran æghwylc ;
 wäs stēde nägla gehwylc, stýle gelicost,
 hæðenes hand-speru hilde-rinces
 egle unheóru ; æg-hwylc geewääð,
 þät him heardra nân hrīnan wolde
 990 ïren aer-gōd, þät þäs ahlæcan
 blōdge beadu-folme onberan wolde.

XVI. THE BANQUET AND THE GIFTS.

- þā wäs hâten hreðe Heort innan-weard
 folmum gefrätwod : fela þæra wäs
 wera and wifa, þe þät win-reced,
 995 gest-sele gyredon. Gold-fág scinon
 web äfter wagum, wundor-sióna fela
 seega gehwylecum þāra þe on swýlc starad.
 Wäs þät beorhte bold tōbrocen swiðe
 eal inne-weard ïren-bendum fást,
 1000 heorras tōhlidene ; hrōf ána genäs

- ealles ansund, þâ se aglæca,
 fyren-dædum fâg on fleám gewand,
 aldres or-wêna. Nô þât ýðe byð
 tô befleónne (fremme se þe wille!)
- 1005 ac gesacan seeal sâwl-berendra
 nýde genýdde niðða bearna
 grund-bûendra gearwe stôwe,
 þær his lîc-homa leger-bedde fâst
 swefeð äfter symle. þâ wäs sael and mæl,
- 1010 þât tô healle gang Healfdenes sunu ;
 wolde self cyning symbol þicgan.
 Ne gefrägen ic þâ mægðe mâran weorode
 ymb hyra sinc-gyfan sël gebærar.
 Bugon þâ tô bence blæd-âgende,
- 1015 fylle gefægon. Fägere geþægon
 medo-ful manig mágas † þâra
 swîð-hicgende on sele þam heán,
 Hrðögâr and Hrðulf. Heorot innan wäs
 freóndum áfylléd ; nalles fâcen-stafas
- 1020 Þeód-Seyldingas þenden fremedon.
 Forgeaf þâ Beówulfe bearн Healfdenes
 segen gyldenne sigores tô leáne,
 hroden hilte-cumbor, helm and byrnan ;
 mære mâððum-sweord manige gesâwon
- 1025 beforan beorn beran. Beówulf geþah
 ful on flette ; nô he þære feoh-gyfte
 for sceótendum scamigan þorfté,
 ne gefrägn ic freóndlîcor feówer mâdmas
 golde gegyrede gum-manna fela
- 1030 in ealo-bence ôðrum gesellan.
 Ymb þüs helmes hrôf heáfod-beorge
 wîrum bewunden walân ûtan heold,
 þât him fêla lâfe frêcne ne meahton
 scûr-heard sceðan, þonne scyld-freca
- 1035 ongeán gramum gangan scolde.

Héht þâ eorla hleó eahta mearas,
 fäted-hleóre, on flet teón
 in under eoderas; þâra ânum stôd
 sadol searwum fâh since gewurðad,
 1040 þât wâs hilde-setl heáh-cyninges,
 þonne sweorda gelâc sunu Healfdenes
 efnan wolde; næfre on ðre läg
 wîd-cûðes wîg, þonne walu scóllon.
 And þâ Beówulfe bega gehwâðres
 1045 eodor Ingwina onweald geteáh,
 wiega and wæpna; hêt hine wel brûcan.
 Swâ manlîce mære þeóden,
 hord-weard hâlcða heaðo-ræsas geald
 mearum and mâdnum, swâ hý næfre man lyhð,
 1050 se þe secgan wile sôð äfter rihte.

XVII. SONG OF HROTHGAR'S POET — THE LAY OF HNAEF AND HENGEST.

þâ gyt æghwylcum eorla drihten
 þâra þe mid Beówulfe brim-lâde teáh,
 on þære medu-bence mâððum gesealde,
 yrfe-lâfe, and þone ænne héht
 1055 golde forgyldan, þone þe Grendel ær
 mâne âewealde, swâ he hyra mâ wolde,
 nefne him witig god wyrd forstôde
 and þâs mannes môd: metod eallum weôld
 gumena cynnes, swâ he nu git dêð;
 1060 forþan bið andgit æghwaer sêlest,
 ferhðes fore-þanc! fela sceal gebîdan
 leófes and lâðes, se þe longe her
 on þyssum win-dagum worolde brûceð.
 þær wâs sang and swêg samod ätgädere

- 1065 fore Healfdenes hilde-wisan,
 gomen-wudu grêted, gid oft wrecen,
 þonne heal-gamen Hrôdgâres scôp
 äfter medo-bence mænan scolde
 Finnes eaferum, þâ hie se fær begeat:
- 1070 "Häleð Healfdenes, Hnäf Scyldinga,
 "in Fr..es wâle feallan scolde.
 "Ne hûru Hildeburh hêrian þorste
 "eotena treówe: unsynnum wearð
 "beloren leófum ät þam lind-plegan
- 1075 "bearnum and brôðrum; hie on gebyrd hruron
 "gâre wunde; þât wâs geðmuru ides.
 "Nalles hôlinga Hôces dôltor
 "meotod-sceaft bemearn, syððan morgen com,
 "þâ heó under swegle geseón mealite
- 1080 "morðor-bealo mâga, þær heó aer mæste heóld
 "worolde wynne: wîg ealle fornam
 "Finnes þegnas, nemne feáum ânum,
 "þât he ne mehte on þäm meðel-stede
 "wîg Hengeste wiht gefeohtan,
- 1085 "ne þâ weá-lâfe wîge forþringan
 "þeódnes þegne; ac hig him geþingo budon,
 "þât hie him ðær flet eal gerýmdon,
 "healle and heáh-setl, þât hie healfre geweald
 "wið eotena bearн âgan môston,
- 1090 "and ät feoh-gyftum Folewaldan sunu
 "dôgra gehwylee Dene weorðode,
 "Hengestes heáp hringum wenede,
 "efne swâ swiðe sinc-gestreónum
 "fattan goldes, swâ he Fresena cyn
- 1095 "on beór-sele byldan wolde.
 "þâ hie getrûwedon on twâ healfa
 "fâste frioðu-wære; Fin Hengeste
 "elne unflitme âðum benemde,
 "þât he þâ weá-lâfe weotena dôme

- 1100 "ârum heolde, þât þær ænig mon
 "wordlum ne woreum wære ne bræce,
 "ne þurh inwit-searo æfse gemænden,
 "þeâh hie hira beág-gyfan banan folgedon
 "þeóden-leáse, þâ him swâ geþearfod wäs:
 1105 "gyf þonne Frysna hwylc frêcan spræce
 "þâs mordor-hetes myndgiend wære,
 "þonne hit sweordes eeg syððan scolde.
 "Âð wäs geüfned and icge gold
 "âhæfen of horde. Here-Scyldinga
 1110 "betst beado-rinca wäs on bæl gearu;
 "ät þäm âde wäs êð-gesýne
 "swât-fâh syrce, swýn eal-gylden,
 "eofer ïren-heard, äðeling manig
 "wundum âwyrded; sume on wâle crungon.
 1115 "Hêt þâ Hildeburh ât Hnäfes âde
 "hire selfre sunu sweoloðe befästan,
 "bân-satu bärnan and on bæl dôn.
 "Earme on eaxle ides gnornode,
 "geðmrôde giddum; gûð-rine âstâh.
 1120 "Wand tô wolenum wäl-fýra mæst,
 "hlynoden for hlâwe; hafelan multon,
 "ben-geato burston, þonne blôd ätspranc
 "lâð-bitte lîces. Lîg ealle forswealg,
 "gæsta gîfrost, þâra þe þær gûð fornam
 1125 "bega folces; wäs hira blæd seacen.

XVIII. THE GLEEMAN'S TALE IS ENDED.

- "GEWITON him þâ wîgend wîca neósian,
 "freóndum befeallen Frysland geseón,
 "hâmas and heá-burh. Hengest þâ gyt
 "wäl-fâgne winter wînode mid Finne
 1130 "ealles unhlitme; eard gemunde,

- “ þeáh þe he *ne* meahte on mere drífan
 “ hringed-stefnan; holm storme weól,
 “ won wíð winde; winter ýðe beleác
 “ ís-gebinde ðð pát ððer com
 1135 “ geár in geardas, swâ nu gyt dêð,
 “ þâ þe syngales sêle bewitiað,
 “ wuldor-torhtan weder. þâ wäss winter scacen,
 “ fäger foldan bearm; fundode wrecca,
 “ gist of geardum; he tô gynn-wräce
 1140 “ swîðor þóhte, þonne tô sæ-lâde,
 “ gif he torn-gemôt þurhþeón mihte,
 “ pát he eotena bearn inne gemunde.
 “ Swâ he ne forwyrnde worold-rædenne,
 “ þonne him Hûnlâsing hilde-leóman,
 1145 “ billa sêlest, on bearm dyde:
 “ þâs wäeron mid eotenum ecge cûðe.
 “ Swylce ferhð-freecan Fin eft begeat
 “ sveord-bealo slîðen ät his selfes hâm,
 “ siððan grimne gripe Gûðlâf ond Ôslâf
 1150 “ äfter sæ-sîðe sorge mændon,
 “ ätwiton weána dæl; ne mealte wäfre môd
 “ forhabban in hreðre. þâ wäss heal hroden
 “ feónda feorum, swilce Fin slägen,
 “ cyning on corðre, and seó cwên numen.
 1155 “ Sceótend Scyldinga tô scypum feredon
 “ eal in-gesteald eorð-cyninges,
 “ swylce hie ät Finnes hâm findan mealton
 “ sigla searo-gimma. Hie on sæ-lâde
 “ drihtlice wif tô Denum feredon,
 1160 “ laeddon tô leódum.” Leóð wäss âsungen,
 gleó-mannes gyd. Gamen eft âstâh,
 beorhtode benc-swêg, byrelas sealdon
 wîn of wunder-fatum. þâ cwom Wealhþeó forð
 gân under gyldnum beáge, þær þâ gôdan twegen
 1165 sæton suhter-gefäderan; þâ gyt wäss hiera sib ätgädere

æghwyle ððrum trýwe. Swyldes þær Hānferð þyle
ät fôtum sät freán Scyldinga: gehwyle hiora his ferhðe
treowde,

þät he häfle mōd micel, þeáli þe he his mágum nære
ârfäst ät eega gelâcum. Spräc þâ ides Scyldinga:

1170 "Onfôh pißum fulle, freó-drihten mîn,

" sincez brytta; þu on sâlum wes,

" gold-wine guimena, and tô Geátum sprec

" mildum wordum! Swâ sceal man dôn.

" Beó wið Geátas gläd, geofena gemyndig;

1175 " neán and feorran þu nu friðu hafast.

" Me man sâgde, þät þu þe for sunu wolde

" here-rine habban. Heorot is gefelsod,

" beáh-sele beorhta; brûc þenden þu môte

" manigra mēda and þînum magum læf

1180 " fole and rîce, þonne þu forð seyle

" metod-sceaft seón. Ic mînne can

" glädne Hrôðulf, þät he þâ geogoðe wile

" ârum healdan, gyf þu ær þonne he,

" wine Scildinga, worold oflætest;

1185 " wêne ic, þät he mid gôde gyldan wille

" uneran easferan, gif he þät eal gemon,

" hwât wit tô willan and tô worð-myndum

" umbor wesendum ær ârna gefremedon."

Hwearf þâ bî bence, þær hyre byre wæron,

1190 Hrêðric and Hrôðmund, and häleða bearn,

giogoð ätgädere; þær se gôda sät

Beówulf Geáta be þæm gebrôðrum twæm.

XIX.

BEÓWULF'S JEWELLED COLLAR. THE HEROES REST.

Him wäs ful boren and freónd-laðu
 wordum bewägned and wunden gold
 1195 êstum geeáwed, earm-hreáde twâ,
 hrägl and hringas, heals-beága mæst
 þâra þe ic on foldan gefrägen hâbbe.
 Nænigne ic under swegle sêlran hýrde
 hord-mâððum häleða, syððan Hâma ätwäg
 1200 tô þære byrhtan byrig Brosinga mene,
 sigle and sinc-fât, searo-nîðas fealh
 Eormenrîces, geceás êcne ræd.
 Þone hring häfde Higelâc Geáta,
 ncfa Swertinges, nýhstan sîðe,
 1205 siððan he under segne sinc ealgode,
 wäl-reáf werede; hyne Wyrd fornâm,
 syððan he for wlenco weán âhsode,
 fæhðe tô Frysum; he þâ frätwe wäg,
 eorclan-stânas ofer fýða ful,
 1210 rîce þeóden, he under rande gecranc;
 gehwearf þâ in Franena fâðm feorh cyninges,
 breóst-gewædu and se beâh somod:
 wyrsan wîg-frecan wäl reáfedor
 äfter gûð-sceare, Geáta leóde
 1215 hreâ-wîc heóldon. Heal swêge onfêng.
 Wealhþeo maðelode, heó fore þäm werede spräc:
 “ Brûc þisses beágæs, Beówulf, leófa
 “ hyse, mid hæle, and þisses hrägles neót
 “ þeóð-gestreóna, and geþeóh tela,
 1220 “ cen þec mid cräfte and þyssum cnyhtum wes
 “ lâra liðe! ic þe þâs leán geman.
 “ Hafast þu gefêred, þât þe feor and neâh

- " ealne wide-ferhð weras chtigað,
 " efne swâ sîde swâ sæ bebûgeð
 1225 " windlige weallas. Wes, þenden þu lisige,
 " ädeling eádig! ic þe an tela
 " sinc-gestreóna. Beó þu suna mînum
 " daedum gedêfe dréam healdende!
 " Her is æghwylc eorl ððrum getrywe,
 1230 " môdes milde, man-drihtne hold,
 " þegnas syndon geþwære, þeód eal gearo :
 " drunene dryht-guman, dðð swâ ic bidde!"
 Eode þâ tô setle. Þær wäs symbla cyst,
 druneon wîn wera : wyrd ne cûdon.
 1235 geó-sceaft grimme, swâ hit âgangen wearð
 eorla manegum, syððan æfen cwom
 and him Hrôðgár gewât tô hofe sînum,
 rîce tô räste. Reced weardode
 unrîm eorla, swâ hie oft aer dydon :
 1240 benc-þelu beredon, hit geond-bræded wearð
 beddum and bolstrum. Beór-scealca sum
 fûs and fæge flet-räste gebeág.
 Setton him tô heáfdum hilde-randas,
 bord-wudu beorhtan ; þær on bence wäs
 1245 ofer ädelinge ýð-gesêne
 heaðo-steápa helm, hringed byrne,
 þrec-wudu þrymlic. Wäs þeáw hyra,
 þât hie oft wæron an wîg gearwe,
 ge ät hâm ge on herge, ge gehwâðer þâra
 1250 efne swylce mæla, swylce hira man-dryhtne
 þearf gesælde ; wäs seó þeód tilu.

XX.

GRENDEL'S MOTHER ATTACKS THE RING-DANES.

SIGON þâ tô slæpe. Sum sâre angeald
 æfen-râste, swâ him ful-oft gelamp,
 siððan gold-sele Grendel warode,
 1255 unriht äfnde, ðð þât ende becwom,
 swylt äfter synnum. Þât gesýne wearð,
 wîl-cûð werum, þätte wrecend þâ gyt
 lifde äfter lâðum, lange þrage
 äfter gûð-ceare; Grendles môdor,
 1260 ides aglæc-wîf yrmðe gemunde,
 se þe wäter-egesan wunian scolde,
 cealde streámas, siððan Cain wearð
 tô egc-banan ângan brêðer,
 fäderen-mæge; he þâ fâg gewât,
 1265 morðre gemearcod man-dreám fleón,
 wêsten warode. Þanon wôc fela
 geósceaft-gâsta; wäs þæra Grendel sum,
 heoro-wearh hetelîc, se ät Heorote fand
 wâccendne wer wîges bîdan,
 1270 þær him aglæca ät-græpe wearð;
 hwâðre he gemunde mägenes strenge,
 gim-fäste gife, þe him god sealde,
 and him tô anwaldan âre gelýfde,
 frôfre and fultum: þý he þone feónd ofercwom,
 1275 gehnægde helle gâst: þâ he heán gewât,
 dreáme bedæled deáð-wîc seón,
 man-cynnes feónd. And his môdor þâ gyt
 gifre and galg-môd gegân wolde
 sorh-fulne sîð, suna deáð wrecan.
 1280 Com þâ tô Heorote; þær Hring-Dene
 geond þât sâld swæfun. þâ þær sôna wearð
 ed-hwyrft eorlum, siððan inne fealh

Grendles mōdor; wäs se gryre lässa
 efne swā micle, swā bið mägða cräft,
 1285 wīg-gryre wīfes be wæpned-men,
 þonne heoru bunden, hamere geþuren,
 sweord swātē fāh swīn ofer helme,
 eegum dyhtig andweard scireð.
 Þā wäs on healle heard-eeg togē,
 1290 sweord ofer setlum, sīl-rand manig
 hafen handa fāst; helm ne gemunde,
 byrnān sīde, þe hinc se brōga angeat.
 Heō wäs on Ȑfste, wolde ût þanon
 feore beorgan, þā heō onsfunden wäs;
 1295 hraðe heō äðelinga ånne häfde
 fāste befangen, þā heō tō fenne gang;
 se wäs Hrōðgāre häleða leófost
 on gesiðes hād be sām tweonum,
 rīce rand-wīga, þone þe heō on rāste åbreát,
 1300 blæd-fāstne beorn. Näs Beówulf þær,
 ac wäs ðōer in ær geteohhod
 äfter māððum-gife mærum Geáte.
 Hreám wearð on Heorote. Heō under heolfre genam
 cūðe folme; cearu wäs geniwod
 1305 geworden in wīcum: ne wäs þät gewrixle til,
 þät hie on bā healfa biegan scoldon
 freónda feorum. Þā wäs frōd cyning,
 hār hilde-rinc, on hreón mōde,
 syððan he aldon-þegn unlyfigendne,
 1310 þone deórestan deádne wisse.
 Hraðe wäs tō bûre Beówulf fetod,
 sigor-eádig secg. Samod ær-däge
 eode eorla sum, äðele cempa
 self mid gesiðum, þær se snottra bād,
 1315 hwäðre him al-walda æfre wille
 äfter weá-spelle wyrpe gefremman.
 Gang þā äfter flōre fyrd-wyrðe man

- mid his hand-scale (heal-wudu dynede)
 þät he þone wisan wordum hnægde
 1320 freán Ingwina; frägn gif him wäre
 äfter neód-laðu niht getæse.

XXI. SORROW AT HEOROT: *ÆSCHERE's DEATH.*

- Hrôðgâr maðelode, helm Scildinga:
 “ Ne frin þu äfter sälum! Sorh is geniwod
 “ Denigea lcódum. Deád is Äsc-here,
 1325 “ Yrmenlâfes yldra brôðor,
 “ mîn rûn-wita and mîn ræd-bora,
 “ eaxl-gestealla, þonne we on orlege
 “ hafelan weredon, þonne hniton fêðan,
 “ eoferas enysedan; swyle scolde eorl wesan
 1330 “ äðeling ær-gôd, swyle Äsc-here wäs.
 “ Wearð him on Heorote tô hand-banan
 “ wäl-gæst wäfre; ic ne wât hwäder
 “ atol æse wlanc eft-siðas teáh,
 “ fylle gefrägnod. Heó þâ fæhðe wräc,
 1335 “ þe þu gystran niht Grendel cwealdest
 “ þurh hæstne hâd heardum clammum,
 “ forþan he tô lange leóde mîne
 “ wanode and wyrde. He ät wîge gebrang
 “ ealdres scyldig, and nu ððer cwom
 1340 “ mihtig mân-scaða, wolde hyre mæg wrecan,
 “ ge feor hafað fæhðe gestæled,
 “ þâs þe þincean mäg þegne monegum,
 “ se þe äfter sinc-gyfan on sefan greóteð,
 “ hreðer-bealo hearde; nu seó hand ligeð,
 1345 “ se þe eów wel-hwylera wilna dohte.
 “ Ic þät lond-bûend leóde mîne
 “ sele-rædende seegan hýrde,
 “ þät hie gesâwon swylce twegen

- “ micle mearc-stapan mōras healdan,
 1350 “ ellor-gæstas: þæra ððer wās,
 “ þās Je hie gewislicost gewitan mealton
 “ idese onlienes, ððer earm-sceopen
 “ on weres wāstmum wrāc-lāstas trād,
 “ nāfne he wās māra þonne ænig man ððer,
 1355 “ þone on geār-dagum Grendel nemdon
 “ fold-būende: nō hie fāder cunnon,
 “ hwāðer him ænig wās ær acenned
 “ dynra gāsta. Hie dīgel lond
 “ warigeað, wulf-hleoðu, windige nässas,
 1360 “ frēene fen-gelād, þær syrgen-streām
 “ under nässa genipu niðer gewiteð,
 “ flōd under foldan; nis þāt feor heonon
 “ mīl-gemeareces, þāt se mere standeð,
 “ ofer þām hongiað hrīnde bearwas,
 1365 “ wudn wyrtum fāst, wāter oferhelmað.
 “ þær māg nihta gehwām nīð-wundor seón,
 “ fyr on flōde; nō þās frōd leofað
 “ gumena bearna, þāt þone grund wite;
 “ þeāh þe hæð-stapa hundum geswenced,
 1370 “ heorot hornum trum holt-wudu sēce,
 “ feorran geflȳmed, ær he feorh seleð,
 “ aldon on Ȅfre, ær he in wille,
 “ hafelan hȄdan. Nis þāt heóru stōw:
 “ þonon Ȅð-geblond up āstigeð
 1375 “ won tō wolenum, þonne wind styreð
 “ lāð gewidru, ðð þāt lyft drysmað,
 “ roderas reótað. Nu is ræd gelang
 “ eft ät þe Ȅnum! Eard git ne const,
 “ frēene stōwe, þær þu findan miht
 1380 “ sinnigne seeg: sēc gif þu dyrre!
 “ Ie þe þā fiehðe feó leáunige,
 “ eald-gestreónum, swā ic ær dyde,
 “ wundnum golde, gyf þu on weg cymest.”

XXII.

BEÓWULF SEEKS THE MONSTER IN THE HAUNTS OF
THE NIXIES.

BEÓWULF maðelode, bearne Ecgþeówes :

- 1385 " Ne sorga, snotor guma ! sêlre bið aeghwäm,
 " þät he his freónd wrece, þonne he fela murne ;
 " ûre aeghwylc sceal ende gebidan
 " worolde lîfes ; wyrce se þe môte
 " dômesær deáðe ! þät bið driht-guman
 1390 " unlifgendum äfter sêlest.
 " Ârîs, rîces weard ; uton hraðe fêran,
 " Grendles mâgan gang sceawigan !
 " Ic hit þe gehâte : nô he on helm losað,
 " ne on foldan fâðm, ne on fyrgen-holt,
 1395 " ne on gyfenes grund, gâ þær he wille.
 " Þys dôgor þu geþyld hafa
 " weána gehwylces, swâ ic þe wêne tð ! ”
 Âhleóp þâ se gomela, gode þancode,
 mihtigan drihtne, þäs se man gespräc.
 1400 þâ wäs Hrôðgâre hors gebæted,
 wicg wunden-feax. Wîsa fengel
 geatolîc gengde ; gum-fêða stôp
 lind-häbbendra. Lâstas wæron
 äfter wald-swaðum wide gesýne,
 1405 gang ofer grundas ; gegnum fôr þâ
 of er myrcan môr, mago-þegna bär
 þone sêlestan sâwol-leásne,
 þâra þe mid Hrôðgâre hâm eahtode.
 Ofer-eode þâ äðelinga bearne
 1410 steáp stân-hliðo, stîge nearwe,
 enge ân-paðas, un-cûð gelâd,
 neowle nässas, nicor-hûsa fela ;
 he feára sum beforan gengde

- wîsra monna, wong seeáwian,
 1415 ðþ þät he færinga fyrgen-beámas
 ofer hárne stân hleonian funde,
 wyn-leásne wudu; wäter under stôd
 dreórig and gedrêfed. Denum callum wäs,
 winum Scyldinga, weorce on môde,
 1420 tô geþolianne þegne monegum,
 oneyð eorla gehwäm, syððan Åsc-heres
 on þam holm-clife hafelan métton.
 Flôd blôde weól (fole tô sægon)
 hâtan heolfre. Horn stundum song
 1425 fûslîc fyrd-leóð. Fêða eal gesät;
 gesâwon þâ äfter wätere wyrm-cynnes fela,
 sellice sæ-dracan sund cunnian,
 swylce on näs-hleoðunn nicras licgean,
 þâ on undern-mael oft bewitigað
 1430 sorh-fulne sîð on segl-râde,
 wyrmas and wil-deór; hie on weg hruron
 bitere and gebolgne, bearlhm ongeâton,
 gûð-horn galan. Sumne Geáta leód
 of flân-bogan feores getwæfle,
 1435 fýð-gewinnes, þät him on aldre stôd
 here-sträl hearda; he on holme wäs
 sundes þe sænra, þe hyne swylt fornam.
 Hräðe wearð on fýðum mid eofer-spreótum
 heoro-hôcyhtum hearde genearwod,
 1440 nîða genæged and on näs togen
 wundorlîc waeg-bora; weras seeáwedon
 gryrelîcne gist. Gyrede hine Beówulf
 eorl-gewædum, nalles for ealdre inearn:
 scolde here-byrne hondum gebroden,
 1445 sîð and searo-fâh, sund cunnian,
 seó þe bân-côfan beorgan cûðe,
 þät him hilde-grâp hreðre ne mihte,
 eorres inwit-feng, aldre gesceððan;

ac se hwīta helm hafelan werede,
 1450 se þe mere-grundas mengan scolde,
 sēcan sund-geblānd since geweorðad,
 befongen freá-wrâsnum, swâ hine fyrn-dagum
 worhte wæpna smið, wundrum teóde,
 besette swîn-lîcum, þät hine syððan nô
 1455 brond ne beado-mêcas bitan ne meahton.
 Näs þät þonne mætost mägen-fultuma,
 þät him on þearfe lâh þyle Hrôðgâres;
 wäs þäm häft-mêce Hrunting nama,
 þät wäs ân foran eald-gestreóna;
 1460 ecg wäs ïren, âter-tânum fâh,
 âhyrded heaðo-swâte; næfre hit ät hilde ne swâc
 manna ængum þâra þe hit mid mundum bewand,
 se þe gryre-sîðas gegân dorste,
 folc-stede fâra; näs þät forma sîð,
 1465 þät hit ellen-weorc äfnan scolde.
 Hûru ne gemunde mago Eeglâfes
 eafoðes cräftig, þät he ær gespräc
 wîne druncen, þâ he þäs wæpnes onlâh
 sêlran sweord-frecan: selfa ne dorste
 1470 under ðâa gewin aldre genêðan,
 driht-scype dreógan; þær he dôme forleás,
 ellen-mærðum. Ne wäs þäm ððrum swâ,
 syððan he hine tô gûðe gegyred hâfde.

XXIII. THE BATTLE WITH THE WATER-DRAKE.

BEÓWULF maðelode, bearn Eegþeówes:
 1475 “geþenc nu, se mæra maga Healfdenes,
 “snottra fengel, nu ic eom sîðes fûs,
 “gold-wine gumena, hwât wit geó spræcon,
 “gif ic ät þearfe þinre scolde
 “aldre linnan, þät þu me â wäre

- 1480 " forð-gewitenum on fäder stäle ;
 " wes þu mund-bora mînum mago-þegnum,
 " hond-gesellum, gif mee hild nime :
 " swylce þu þâ mâdmas, þe þu me sealdest,
 " Hrôðgâr leófa, Higelâce onsend.
- 1485 " Mäg þonne on þäm golde ongitan Geáta dryhten,
 " geseón sunu Hrêðles, þonne he on þät sinc starâð,
 " þät ic gum-cystum gôdne funde
 " beága bryttan, breác þonne môste.
 " And þu Hünferð læt ealde lâfe,
- 1490 " wrâtlic wæg-sweord wîd-cûðne man
 " heard-ecg habban ; ie me mid Hruntinge
 " dôm gewyrce, oððe mee deâð nimeð." Äster þæm wordum Weder-Geáta leôd
 efste mid elne, nalas andsware
- 1495 bîdan wolde ; brim-wylm onfêng
 hilde-rince. Þâ wäs hwîl dâges,
 ær he þone grund-wong ongytan mehte.
 Sôna þät onfunde, se þe flôda begong
 heoro-gîfre beheôld hund missera,
- 1500 grim and grædig, þät þær gumena sum
 äl-wihta eard ufan cunnode.
 Grâp þâ tôgeánes, gûð-rinc gefêng
 atolan clommum ; nô þý aer in gescôd
 hâlan lîce : hring utan ymb-bearh,
- 1505 þät heô þone fyrd-hom þurh-fôn ne mihte,
 locene leoðo-syrean lâðan fingrum.
 Bär þâ seô brim-wylf, þâ heô tô botme com,
 hringa þengel tô hose sînum,
 swâ he ne mihte nô (he þâs môdig wäs)
- 1510 wæpna gewealdan, ac hine wundra þâs fela
 swencte on sunde, sæ-deór monig
 hilde-tuxum here-syrean brâc,
 êhton aglæcan. Þâ se eorl ongeat,
 þät he in nið-scle nât-hwylcum wäs,

- 1515 þær him nænig wäter wihte ne sceðede,
 ne him for hrôf-sele hrînan ne mehte
 fær-gripe flôdes : fýr-leóht geseah,
 blâcne leóman beorhte scînan.
 Ongeat þâ se gôda grund-wyrgenne,
 1520 mere-wîf mihtig ; mägen-ræs forgeaf
 hilde-bille, hond swenge ne ofteáh,
 þât hire on hafelan hring-mæl âgôl
 grædig gûð-leóð. Þâ se gist onfand,
 þât se beado-leóma bítan nolde,
 1525 aldre sceððan, ac seó ecg geswâc
 þeódne ät þearfe : þolode ær fela
 hond-gemôta, helm oft gescär,
 fæges fyrd-hrägl : þât wäs forma stîð
 deórum mâðme, þât his dôm älág.
 1530 Eft wäs ân-ræd, nalaſ elnes lät,
 mærða gemyndig mæg Hygelâces ;
 wearp þâ wunden-mæl wrättum gebunden
 yrre oretta, þât hit on eorðan läg,
 stîð and styl-ecg ; strenge getrûwode,
 1535 mund-gripe mägenes. Swâ sceal man dôn,
 þonne he ät gûðe gegân þenceð
 longsumne lof, nâ ymb his lîf cearað.
 Gefêng þâ be eaxle (nalaſ for fæhðe mearn)
 Gûð-Geáta leóð Grendles môdor ;
 1540 brägd þâ beadwe heard, þâ he gebolgen wäs,
 feorh-genîðlan, þât heó on flet gebeáh.
 Heó him eft hraðe and-leán forgeald
 grimman grâpum and him tôgeánes fêng ;
 oferwearp þâ wêrig-môd wîgena strengest,
 1545 fêðe-cempa, þât he on fylle wearð.
 Ofsät þâ þone sele-gyst and hyre seaxe geteáh,
 brâd and brûn-ecg wolde hire bearn wrecan,
 ângan eaferan. Him on eaxle läg
 breöst-net broden ; þât gebearh feore,

1550 wið ord and wið eege ingang forstōd.

Häfde þā forsīðod sunu Ecgþeowes
under gynne grund, Geáta cempa,
nemne him heaðo-byrne helpe gesfremede,
here-net hearde, and hālig god
1555 geweōld wīg-sigor, witig drihten ;
rodera rædend hit on ryht gescēd,
þydelice syððan he eft āstōd.

XXIV. BEÓWULF SLAYS THE SPRITE.

GESEAH þā on searwum sige-eádig bil,
eald sveord eotenisc ecgum þyhtig,

1560 wīgena weorð-mynd : þāt wās wæpna cyst,
būton hit wās māre þonne ænig mon Ȱðer
tō beadu-lāce ätberan meahte
gōd and geatolic giganta geweore.

He gesēng þā fetel-hilt, freca Scildinga,
1565 hreōh and heoro-grim hrīng-mæl gebrägd,
aldres orwēna, yrringa slōh,
þāt hire wið halse heard grāpode,
bān-hrīngas brāe, bil eal þurh-wōd
fægne flæsc-homan, heō on flet gecrong ;
1570 sveord wās swātig, seeg weorce gefeh.

Lixte se leóma, leóht inne stōd,
efne swā of hefene hādre scīneð
rodores candel. He äfter recede wlāt,
hwearf þā be wealle, wæpen hafenade

1575 heard be hiltām Higelâces þegn,
yrre and ân-ræd. Nās seó ecg fracod
hilde-rince, ac he hraðe wolde
Grendle forgyldan gūð-ræsa fela
þāra þe he geworhte tō West-Denum

- 1580 oftor micle þonne on ænne sîð,
 þonne he Hrôðgâres heorð-geneátas
 slôh on sweofote, slæpende frät
 folces Denigea fýf-tyne men
 and ôðer swyle ût of-ferede,
- 1585 lâðlîcu lâc. He him þäs leán forgeald,
 rêðe cempa, tô þäs þe he on räste geseah
 gûð-wêrigne Grendel liegan,
 aldon-leásne, swâ him aer gescôð
 hild ät Heorote; hrâ wide sprong,
- 1590 syððan he äfter deáðe drepe þrowade,
 heoro-sweng heardne, and hine þâ heáfde becearf.
 Sôna þät gesâwon snottre ceorlas,
 þâ þe mid Hrôðgâre on holm wilton,
 þät wäs ðyð-geblond eal gemenged,
- 1595 brim blôde fâh: blonden-feaxe
 gomele ymb gôdne ongeador spræcon,
 þät hig þäs äðelinges eft ne wêndon,
 þät he sige-hrêðig sêcean côme
 mærne þeóden; þâ þäs monige gewearð,
- 1600 þät hine seó brim-wylf âbroten hâfde.
 þâ com nôñ dâges. Näs ofgeâfon
 hwate Scyldingas; gewât him hâm þonon
 gold-wine gumena. Gistas sêtan,
 môdes seóce, and on mere staredon,
- 1605 wiston and ne wêndon, þät hie heora wine-drihten
 selfne gesâwon. þâ þät sword ongan
 äfter heaðo-swâte hilde-gicelum
 wig-bil wanian; þät wäs wundra sum,
 þät hit eal gemealt ïse gelicost,
- 1610 þonne forstes bend fäder onlæteð,
 onwindeð wäl-râpas, se þe geweald hafað
 sæla and mæla; þät is sôð metod.
 Ne nom he in þæm wîcum, Weder-Geáta leôd,
 mâðm-æhta mâ, þêh he þær monige geseah,

- 1615 bûton þone hafelan and þâ hilt somod,
 since fâge; sweord ær gemcalt,
 forbarn broden mæl: wâs þât blôd tô þâs hât,
 ættren ellor-gæst, se þær inne swealt.
 Sôna wâs on sunde, se je ær ât sâcce gebâd
- 1620 wîg-hryre wrâðra, wâter up þurh-deáf;
 wæron ȳð-geblund eal gesâlsod,
 eâcne eardas, þâ se ellor-gâst
 oflêt lîf-dagas and þâs lenan gesceaft.
 Com þâ tô lande lid-manna helm
- 1625 swîð-môd swymman, sæ-lâce gefeah,
 mägen-byrðenne þâra je he him mid hâfde.
 Eodon him þâ tôgeánes, gode þancodon,
 þryðlic þegna heáp, þeódnes gesêgon,
 þâs je hi hyne gesundne geseón môston.
- 1630 þâ wâs of þäm hrôran helm and byrne
 lungre âlysed: lagu drusade,
 wâter under wolnum, wâl-dreôre fâg.
 Fêrdon forð þonon fêðe-lâstum
 ferhðum fâgne, fold-weg mæton,
- 1635 cûðe stræte; cyning-balde men
 from þäm holm-clife hafelan bæron
 earfoðlice heora aeghwâðrum
 fela-môdigra: feower scoldon
 on ðäm wâl-stenge weorcum geferian
- 1640 tô þäm gold-sele Grendles heáfod,
 ðð þât semninga tô sele cômon
 frome fyrd-hwate feower-tyne
 Geáta gongan; gum-dryhten mid
 môdig on gemonge meodo-wongas träd.
- 1645 þâ com in gân ealdor þegna,
 dæd-cêne mon dôme gewurðad,
 hâle hilde-deór, Hrôðgár grêtan:
 þâ wâs be feaxe on flet boren
 Grendles heáfod, þær guman druncon,

1650 egeslīc for eorlum and þære idese mid:
wlite-seón wrätlic weras onsâwon.

XXV. HROTHGAR'S GRATITUDE: HE DISCOURSES.

- BEÓWULF maðelode, bearn Ecgþeôwes:
 “Hwät! we þe þâs sæ-lâc, sunu Healfdenes,
 “leôd Scyldinga, lustum brôlton,
 1655 “tîres tô tacne, þe þu her tô lôcast.
 “Ic þât unsôfte ealdre gedîgde:
 “wîge under wâtere weorc genêðde
 “earfoðlîce, ät-rihte wâs
 “gûð getwaefed,nymðe mec god scylde.
 1660 “Ne meahte ic ät hilde mid Hruntinge
 “wiht gewyrcan, þeâh þât wæpen duge,
 “ac me geñðe ylda waldend,
 “þât ic on wage geseah wlitig hangian
 “eald sweord eácen (oftost wiðode
 1665 “winigea leásum) þât ic þý wæpne gebräd.
 “Ofslôh þâ ät þære sâcce (þâ me sâl âgeald)
 “hûses hyrdas. Þâ þât hilde-bil
 “forbarn, brogden mael, swâ þât blôd gesprang,
 “hâtost heaðo-swâta: ic þât hilt þanan
 1670 “feóndum ätferede; fyren-dæda wräc,
 “deâð-cwealm Denigea, swâ hit gedêfe wâs.
 “Ic hit þe þonne gehâte, þât þu on Heorote môst
 “sorh-leás swefan mid þinra secca gedryht,
 “and þegna gehwyle þinra leôda,
 1675 “dugnðe and iogoðe, þât þu him ondrædan ne þearft,
 “þeóden Scyldinga, on þâ healfe,
 “aldor-bealu eorlum, swâ þu aer dydest.”
 þâ wâs gylden hilt gamelum rince,
 hârum hild-fruman, on hand gyfen,
 1680 enta ær-geweorc, hit on æht gehwearf

- 1715 "eaxl-gesteallan, ðð þät he âna hwearf,
 "mære þeoden, mon-dreánum from:
 "þeáh þe hine mihtig god mägenes wynnum,
 "eafeðum stêpte, ofer ealle men
 "forð gefremede, hwäðere him on ferhðe greów
- 1720 "breóst-hord blôd-reów: nallas beágas geaf
 "Denum äfter dôme; dreám-leás gebâd,
 "þät he þäs gewinnes weorc þrowade,
 "leód-bealo longsum. þu þe lær be þon,
 "gum-cyste ongit! ic þis gid be þe
- 1725 "âwräc wintrum frôd. Wundor is tô secganne,
 "hû mihtig god manna cynne
 "þurh sidne sefan snyttru bryttað,
 "eard and eorl-scipe, he âh ealra geweald.
 "Hwîlum he on lufan læteð hworsfan
- 1730 "monnes môd-geþonc mæran cynnes,
 "seleð him on êdle eorðan wynne,
 "tô healdanne hleó-burh wera,
 "gedêð him swâ gewealdene worolde, dælas,
 "síde rîce, þät he his selfa ne mäg
- 1735 "for his un-snyttrum ende geþencean;
 "wunað he on wiste, nô hine wiht dweleð,
 "âdl ne yldo, ne him inwit-sorh
 "on sefan sweorceð, ne gesacu ðhwær,
 "ecg-hete eóweð, ac him eal worold
- 1740 "wendeð on willan; he þät wyrse ne con,
 "ðð þät him on innan ofer-hygda dæl
 "weaxeð and wridað, þonne se weard swefeð,
 "sâwele hyrde: bið se slæp tô fäst,
 "bisgum gebunden, bona swîðe neáh,
- 1745 "se þe of flân-bogan fyrenum sceóteð.

XXVI.

THE DISCOURSE IS ENDED.—BEÓWULF PREPARES
TO LEAVE.

“ þonne bið on hreðre under helm drepen
 “ biteran sträle : him bebeorgan ne con
 “ wom wundor-bebodum wergan gästes ;
 “ þinceð him tō lytel, þät he tō lange heóld,
 1750 “ gýtsað grom-hydig, nallas on gylp seleð
 “ fätte beágas and he þā forð-gesceaft
 “ forgyteð and forgýmeð, þäs þe him ær god sealde,
 “ wuldres waldend, weorð-mynda dæl.
 “ Hit on ende-stäf eft gelimpeð,
 1755 “ þät se lic-homa lāne gedreóseð,
 “ fæge gesfalleð ; fēhð ðær tð,
 “ se þe unmurnlice mādmas daeleð,
 “ eorles ær-gestreón, egesan ne gýmeð.
 “ Bebeorh þe þone bealo-nið, Beówulf leófa,
 1760 “ secg se betsta, and þe þät sēlre geceós,
 “ ècc rædas ; oferhyda ne gým,
 “ mære cempa ! Nu is þines mägnes blæd
 “ áne hwile ; eft sôna bið,
 “ þät þec ádl oððe ecg cafoðes getwæseð,
 1765 “ oððe fýres feng oððe flôdes wylm,
 “ oððe gripe mēces oððe gâres fliht,
 “ oððe atol yldo, oððe cágena bearhtm
 “ forsiteð and forsworceð semninga bið.
 “ þät þec, dryht-guma, deáð oferswýðeð.
 1770 “ Swâ ic Hring-Dena hund missera
 “ weóld under wolenum, and hig wîge beleác
 “ manigum mægða geond þysne middan-geard,
 “ äscum and eegum, þät ic me ænigne
 “ under swegles begong gesacan ne tealde.

- 1775 "Hwät! me þäs on êðle edwenden cwom,
 "gyrn äfter gomehe, seoððan Grendel wearð,
 "eald-gewinna, in-genga mîn :
 "ic þære sône singales wâg
 "môd-ceare micle. Þäs sig metode þanc,
- 1780 "écean drihtne, þäs þe ic on aldre gebâd,
 "þât ic on þone hafelan heoro-dreórigne
 "ofer eald gewin eágum starige !
 "Gâ nu tô setle, symbol-wynne dreóh
 "wig-geweorðad : unc sceal worn fela
- 1785 "mâðma gemænra, siððan morgen bið."
 Geát wäs gläd-môd, geóng sôna tô,
 setles neósan, swâ se snottra hêht.
 Þâ wäs est swâ aer ellen-rôfum,
 flet-sittendum fägere gereorded
- 1790 niówan stefne. Niht-helm geswearc
 deorc ofer dryht-gumum. Duguð eal ârâs ;
 wolde blonden-feax beddes neósan,
 gamela Scylding. Geát ungemetes wîl,
 rôfne rand-wîgan restan lyste :
- 1795 sôna him sele-þegn sîðes wêrgum,
 feorran-cundum forð wîsade,
 se for andrysnum ealle beweotede
 þegnes þearfe, swylce þý dôgore
 heáðo-lîðende habban scoldon.
- 1800 Reste hine þâ rûm-heort; reced hlifade
 geáp and gold-fâh, gäst inne swäf,
 ðð þât hrefn blaca heofones wynne
 blið-heort bodode. Þâ com beorht sunne
 scacan ofer grundas; scaðan onetton,
- 1805 wæron äðelingas eft tô leódum
 fûse tô farenne, wolde feor þanon
 cuma collen-ferhð ceóles neósan.
 Hêht þâ se hearda Hrunting beran,
 sunu Ecglâfes, hêht his sveord niman,

- 1810 leóflic ðren; sägde him þas leánes þanc,
 cwæð he þone gūð-wine gōdne tealde,
 wīg-cräftigne, nales wordum lōg
 mēces ecge: þät wäs mōdig secg.
 And þā sīð-frome searwum gearwe
 1815 wīgend wäron, eode weorð Denum
 ädeling tō yppan, þær se ðær wäs
 häle hilde-deór, Hrōðgār grête.

XXVII. THE PARTING WORDS.

- BEÓWULF maðelode, bearн Eegþeówes:
 “ Nu we sæ-līðend seegan wyllað
 1820 “ feorran cumene, þät we fundiað
 “ Higelāc sēcan. Wäron her tela
 “ willum bewenede; þu ûs wel dohatest.
 “ Gif ic þonne on eorðan ðwihte mäg
 “ þinre mōd-lufan māran tilian,
 1825 “ gumena dryhten, þonne ic gyt dyde,
 “ gūð-geweorca ic beó gearo sôna.
 “ Gif ic þät gefriige ofer flðda begang,
 “ þät þec ymbe-sittend egesan þywað,
 “ swā þec hetende hwílum dydon,
 1830 “ ic þe þūsenda þegna bringe,
 “ häleða tō helpe. Ic on Higelāce wât,
 “ Geáta dryhten, þeáh þe he geong sŷ,
 “ folces hyrde, þät he mec fremman wile
 “ wordum and worecum, þät ic þe wel herige,
 1835 “ and þe tō geóce gár-holt bere
 “ mägenes fultum, þær þe bið manna þearf;
 “ gif him þonne Hrēðric tō hofum Geáta
 “ geþingeð, þeódnes bearн, he mäg þær fela
 “ freónda findan: seor cýððe beóð
 1840 “ sélran gesðhte þäm þe him selfa deáh.”

Hrôðgâr maðelode him on andsware :

“ þe þâ word-cwydas wittig drihten

“ on sefan sende ! ne hýrde ic snotorlîcor

“ on swâ geongum feore guman þingian :

1845 “ þu eart mägenes strang and on môde frôd,

“ wîs word-cwida. Wêñ ic talige,

“ gif þât gegangeð, þât þe gâr nymeð,

“ hild heoru-grimme Hrêðles eaferan,

“ âdl oððe ïren ealdor þînne,

1850 “ folces hyrde, and þu þîn feorh hafast,

“ þât þe Sæ-Geátas sêlran näbben

“ tô geceósenne cyning ænigne,

“ hord-weard häleða, gif þu healdan wylt

“ maga rîce. Me þîn môdl-sefa

1855 “ lîcað leng swâ wel, leófa Beówulf :

“ hafast þu gefêred, þât þâm folcum sceal,

“ Geáta leódum and Gâr-Denum

“ sib gemænum and sacu restan,

“ inwit-nîðas, þe hie ær drugon ;

1860 “ wesan, þenden ic wealde wîdan rîces,

“ mâðmas gemæne, manig ððerne

“ gôdum gegrêtan ofer ganotes bâð;

“ sceal hrинг-naca ofer heáðu bringan

“ lâc and luf-tâcen. Ic þâ leóde wât

1865 “ ge wið feónd ge wið freónd fâste geworhte,

“ æghwâs untæle ealde wîsan.”

þâ git him eorla hleó inne gesealde,

mago Healfdenes mâðmas twelfe,

hêt hine mid þæm lâcum leóde swæse

1870 sêcean on gesyntum, snûde eft cuman.

Gecyste þâ cyning äðelum gôd,

þeóden Scildinga þegen betstan

and be healse genam ; hruron him teáras,

blonden-feaxum : him wâs bega wên,

1875 ealdum infrôdum, ððres swîðor,

þät hî seoððan geseón mōston
 mōdige on meðle. Wäis him se man tō þon leóf,
 þät he þone breóst-wylm forberan ne mehte,
 ac him on hreðre hyge-bendum fäst
 1880 äfter deórum men dyrne langað
 beorn wið blôde. Him Beówulf þanan,
 gûð-rinc gold-wlanc gräs-moldan träd,
 since hrêmig: sæ-genga bâd
 âgend-freán, se þe on ancre râd.
 1885 þâ wäis on gange gifu Hrôðgâres
 oft geæhted: þät wäis ân cyning
 æghwâs orleahtre, ðð þät hine yldo benam
 mägenes wynnun, se þe oft manegum scôd.

XXVIII.

BEÓWULF RETURNS TO GEATLAND.—THE QUEENS HYGD AND THRYTHO.

Cwom þâ tð flôde felâ-môdigra
 1890 häg-stealdra *heáp*; hring-net bæron,
 locene leoðo-syrcan. Land-weard onfand
 eft-sið eorla, swâ he ær dyde;
 nô he mid hearme of hliðes nosan
 gästas grête, ac him tôgeánes râd;
 1895 ewäð þät wileuman Wedera leódum
 seawan scîr-hame tð scipe fðron.
 þâ wäis on sande sæ-geáp naca
 hladen here-waedum, hringed-stefna
 mearum and mâðnum: mäst hlifade
 1900 ofer Hrôðgâres hord-gestreónum.
 He þäm bât-wearde bunden golde
 swurd gesealde, þät he syððan wäis
 on meodu-bence mâðme þý weorðra,

- yrfe-lâfe, Gewât him on ȳð-nacan,
 1905 drêfan deóp wäter, Dena land ofgeaf.
 þâ wâs be mäste mere hrägla sum,
 segl sâle fäst. Sund-wudu þunede,
 nô þær wêg-flotan wind ofer fðum
 sîðes getwæfde; sæ-genga fôr,
 1910 fleát fâmig-heals forð ofer fðe,
 bunden-stefna ofer brim-streámas,
 pät hie Geáta clifu ongitan meahton,
 cûðe nässas. Ceól up geþrang,
 lyft-geswenced on lande stôd.
 1915 Hraðe wâs ät holme hýð-weard gearo,
 se þe ær lange tîd, leófra manna
 fûs, ät faroðe feor wlâtode;
 saelde tô sande sîd-füðme scip
 onceer bendum fäst, þý läs hym ȳða þrym
 1920 wudu wynsuman forwrecan meahte.
 Hêt þâ up beran äðelinga gestreón,
 frätwe and fät-gold; nâs him feor þanon
 tô gesêcanne sinceς bryttan:
 Higelâc Hrêðling þær ät hâm wunað,
 1925 selfa mid gesîðum sæ-wealle neâh;
 bold wâs betlic, brego-rôf cyning,
 heâ on healle, Hygd swîðe geong,
 wîs, wel-þungen, þeâh þe wintra lyt
 under burh-locan gebiden hâbbe
 1930 Häreðes dôktor: nâs hió hnâh swâ þeâh,
 ne tô gneâð gifa Geáta leódum,
 mâðm-gestreóna. Môd þryðo wâg,
 fremu folces cwêñ, firen ondrysne:
 næníg þât dorste deór genêðan
 1935 swaesra gesîða, nefne sin-freá,
 þât hire an dâges eágum starede;
 ac him wäl-bende weotode tealde,
 hand-gewriðene: hraðe seoððan wâs

äfter mund-gripe mēce geþinged,
 1940 þät hit seeaðen-mæl scyran mōste,
 cwealm-bealu cýðan, Ne bið swyld cwēnlīc þeaw
 idese tō efnanne, þeáh þe hió ænlīcu sý,
 þätte freoðu-webbe feores onsäce
 äfter līge-torne leófne mannan.
 1945 Hāru þät onhōhsnode Heminges mæg;
 ealo drincende ðōer sædan,
 þät hió leód-bealewa läs gefremede,
 inwit-nīða, syððan ærest wearð
 gyfen gold-hroden geongum cempa,
 1950 äðelum dióre, syððan hió Offan flet
 ofer fealone flōd be fäder lâre
 sīðe gesôlte, þær hió syððan wel
 in gum-stôle, gôde mære,
 lif-gesceafta lifigende breác,
 1955 hióld heáh-lufan wið hâleða brego,
 ealles mon-cynnes mîne gefræge
 þone sêlestan bî säm tweónum
 eormen-cynnes; forþam Offa wäs
 geofum and gûðum gâr-cêne man,
 1960 wide geweorðod; wîsdôme heóld
 êðel sînne, þonon Eómær wðc
 hâleðum tō helpe, Heminges mæg,
 nefa Gârmundes, nîða cräftig.

XXIX. HIS ARRIVAL. HYGELAC'S RECEPTION.

GEWÂT him þâ se hearda mid his hond-scole
 1965 sylf äfter sande sæ-wong tredan,
 wide waroðas. Woruld-candel scân,
 sigel sûðan fûs: hî sîð drugon,
 elne geeodon, tō þâs þe eorla hleð,

- bonan Ongenþeówes burgum on innan,
 1970 geongne gûð-cyning gôdne gefrunon
 hringas dælan. Higelâce wäs
 sîð Beówulfes snûde gecyðed,
 þât þær on worðig wígendra hleð,
 lind-gestealla lifigende cwom,
 1975 heaðo-lâces hâl tô hofe gongan.
 Hraðe wäs gerýmed, swâ se rîca bebeád,
 fêðc-gestum flet innan-weard.
 Gesät þâ wið sylsne, se þâ sâcce genâs,
 mæg wið mæge, syððan man-dryhten
 1980 þurh hleóðor-cwyde holdne gegrêtte
 meaglum wordum. Meodu-scencum
 hwearf geond þât reced Häreðes dôhtor:
 lufode þâ leóde, lîð-wæge bär
 hælum tô handa. Higelâc ongan
 1985 sînne geseldan in sele þam heán
 fâgre fricgean, hyne syrwet brâc,
 hwylce Sæ-Geáta sîðas wäron:
 “Hû lomp eów on lâde, leófa Biówulf,
 “þâ þu färinga feorr gehogodest,
 1990 “sâcce sêcean ofer sealт wäter,
 “hilde tô Hiorote? Ac þu Hrôðgâre
 “wîd-cûðne weán wihte gebêttest,
 “mærum þeódne? Ic þâs môd-ceare
 “sorh-wylmum seáð, sîðe ne trûwode
 1995 “leófes mannes; ic þe lange bäd,
 “þât þu þone wäl-gäst wihte ne grêtte,
 “lête Sâð-Dene sylfe geweorðan
 “gûðe wið Grendel. Gode ic þanc secge,
 “þâs þe ic þe gesundne geseón môste.”
 2000 Biówulf maðelode, bearn Ecgþiowes:
 “þât is undyrne, dryhten Higelâc,
 “mære gemëting monegum fira,
 “hwylc orleg-hwîl uncer Grendles

- “ wearð on þam wange, þær he worna fela
 2005 “ Sige-Scildingum sorge gefremede,
 “ yrmðe tō aldre; ic jät eal gewräic,
 “ swā ne gylpan þearf Grenedes maga
 “ ænig ofer corðan uht-hlem þone,
 “ se þe lengest leofað lâðan cynnes,
 2010 “ fenne bisongen. Ic þær furðum cwom,
 “ tō þam hring-sele Hrôðgår grêtan:
 “ sôna me se mæra mago Healsdenes,
 “ syððan he mód-sefan mînne cûðe,
 “ wið his sylfes sunu setl getælte.
 2015 “ Weorod wäis on wynne; ne seah ic wîdan feorh
 “ under heofenes hwealf heal-sittendra
 “ medu-dreám mâran. Hwîlum mæru cwên.
 “ friðu-sibb folca flet eall geond-hwearf,
 “ bædde byre geonge; oft hió beáh-wriðan
 2020 “ seege sealde,ær hió tō setle geóng.
 “ Hwîlum for duguðe dôhtor Hrôðgåres
 “ eorlum on ende ealu-wæge bär,
 “ þâ ic Freáware flet-sittende
 “ nemnan hýrde, þær hió nägled sinc
 2025 “ häleðum sealde sió gehâten wäis,
 “ geong gold-hroden, gladum suna Frôdan;
 “ hafað þás geworden wine Scyldinga
 “ rîces hyrde and þât ræd talað,
 “ þât he mid þý wife wäl-fæhða dæl,
 2030 “ säcca gesette. Oft nô sellan hwær
 “ äfter leóð-hryre lytle hwile
 “ bon-går bûgeð, þeáh seð brýd duge!

XXX. BEÓWULF'S STORY OF THE SLAYINGS.

- “ MÄG þäs þonne ofþyncan þeóden Heaðobeardna
 “ and þegna gehwam þāra leóda,
 2035 “ þonne he mid fæmnan on flett gæð,
 “ dryht-bearn Dena duguða biwenede :
 “ on him gladiað gomelra lāfe
 “ heard and hring-mæl, Heaðobeardna gestreón,
 “ þenden hie þām wæpnum wealdan mōston,
 2040 “ ðð þät hie forlæddan tō þam lind-plegan
 “ swæse gesiðas ond hyra sylfra feorh.
 “ þonne cwið at beore, se þe beál gesyhlð,
 “ eald āsc-wīga, se þe eall geman
 “ gār-cwealm gumena (him bið grim sefa),
 2045 “ onginneð geðmor-môd geongne cempan
 “ þurh hreðra gehygð higes cunnian,
 “ wīg-bealu weccean and þät word ācwyð :
 “ ‘ Meaht þu, mīn wine, mēce geenâwan,
 “ ‘ þone þin fäder tō gefeohte bär
 2050 “ ‘ under here-grîman hindeman sîðe,
 “ ‘ dýre iren, þær hyne Dene slôgon,
 “ ‘ weoldon wäl-stôwe (syððan wiðer-gyld läg
 “ ‘ äfter häleða hryre) hwate Scyldungas?
 “ ‘ Nu her þāra banena byre nât-hwylces,
 2055 “ ‘ frätwum hrêmig on flet gæð,
 “ ‘ morðres gylpeð and þone māððum byreð,
 “ ‘ þone þe þu mid rihte rædan sceoldest ! ”
 “ Manað swâ and myndgað mæla gehwylce
 “ sârum wordum, ðð þät sæl cymeð,
 2060 “ þät se fæmnan þegn fore fäder dædum
 “ äfter billes bite blôd-fâg swefeð,
 “ ealdres scyldig; him se ððer þonan
 “ losað lifigende, con him land geare.

- “ þonne bióð brocene on bā healfse
 2065 “ ð-sweord eorla; syððan Ingelde
 “ weallað wäl-nîðas and him wîf-lufan
 “ äfter eear-wâlmum côlran weorðað.
 “ þy ic Heaðobeardna hyldo ne telge,
 “ dryht-sibbe dæl Denum unsæcne,
 2070 “ freónd-scipe fästne. Ic sceal forð sprecan
 “ gen ymbe Grendel, þât þu geare cunne,
 “ sincebrytta, tō hwan syððan wearð
 “ hond-ræs häleða. Syððan heofones gim
 “ glâd ofer grundas, gäst yrre cwom,
 2075 “ eatol æfen-grôm, ûser neðsan,
 “ þær we gesunde säl weardodon;
 “ þær wäs Hondsciô hild onsæge,
 “ feorh-bealu fægum, he fyrnests läg,
 “ gyrded cempa; him Grendel wearð,
 2080 “ mærum magu-þegne tō mûð-bonan,
 “ leófes mannes lîc eall forswealg.
 “ Nô þy aer ðt þâ gen' fidel-hende
 “ bona blôdig-tôð bealewa gemyndig,
 “ of þam gold-sele gongan wolde,
 2085 “ ac he mægnes rôf mîn costode,
 “ grâpode gearo-folm. Glôf hangode
 “ sîl and syllîc searo-bendum fäst,
 “ siô wäs orþoneum eall gegyrwed
 “ deófles cräftum and dracan fellum:
 2090 “ he mec þær on innan unsynnigne,
 “ diór dæd-fruma, gedôn wolde,
 “ manigra sumne: hyt ne mihte swâ,
 “ syððan ic on yrre upp-riht âstôd.
 “ Tô lang ys tô reccenne, hû ic þam leód-sceaðan
 2095 “ yfla gehwyles ond-leán forgeald;
 “ þær ic, þeóden mîn, þîne leóde
 “ weorðode weorcum. He on weg losade,
 “ lytle hwile lîf-wynna breác;

- “ hwäðre him sió swiðre swaðe weardade
 2100 “ hand on Hiorte and he heán þonan,
 “ môdes geðmor mere-grund gefeóll.
 “ Me þone wäl-ræs wine Scildunga
 “ fättan golde fela leánode,
 “ manegum māðmum, syððan mergen com
 2105 “ and we tō symble geseten häfdon.
 “ Þær wäs gidd and gleó; gomela Scilding
 “ fela friegende feorran rehte;
 “ hwílum hilde-deór hearpan wynne,
 “ gomen-wudu grétte; hwílum gyd áwräc
 2110 “ sôð and sârlîc; hwílum syllîc spell
 “ rehte äfter rihte rûm-heort cyning.
 “ Hwílum eft ongan eldo gebunden,
 “ gomel gûð-wîga gioguðe cwîðan
 “ hilde-strengo; hreðer inne weóll,
 2115 “ þonne he wintrum frôd worn gemunde.
 “ Swâ we þær inne andlangne dág
 “ niðde náman, ôð þät niht becwom
 “ ôðer tō yldum. Þâ wäs eft hraðe
 “ gearo gýrn-wrâce Grendeles môdor,
 2120 “ sîðode sorh-full; sunu deáð fornam,
 “ wîg-hete Wedra. Wif unhýre
 “ hyre bearн gewräc, beorn ácwealde
 “ ellenlîce; þær wäs Äsc-here,
 “ frôdan fyrn-witan, feorh ûðgenge;
 2125 “ nôðer hy hine ne môston, syððan mergen cwom,
 “ deáð-wêrigne Denia leóde
 “ bronde forbärnan, ne on bael hladan
 “ leófne mannan: lió þät lîc ätbär
 “ feónedes fâðmum under firgen-streám.
 2130 “ þät wäs Hrôðgâre hreówa tornost
 “ þâra þe leód-fruinan lange begeâte;
 “ þâ se þeóden mec þine lýfe
 “ healsode hreóh-môd, þät ic on holma geþring

- “ eorl-scipe esnde, ealdre genēðde,
 2135 “ mærðo fremede : he me mēde gehēt.
 “ Ic þā þās wälmes, þe is wide cūð,
 “ grimne gryrelīene grund-hyrde fond.
 “ Þær une hwile wās hand gemæne ;
 “ holm heolsre weóll and ic heáſde becearf
 2140 “ in þam grund-sele Grendelis mōdor
 “ eáenum eegum, unsōfste þonan
 “ feorh ðōferede ; nās ic fæge þā gyt,
 “ ac me eorla hleō eft gesealde
 “ māðma menigeo, maga Healfdenes.

XXXI.

HE GIVES PRESENTS TO HYGELAC. HYGELAC
REWARDS HIM. HYGELAC'S DEATH.
BEÓWULF REIGNS.

- 2145 “ Swā se þeód-kyning þeáwum lysde :
 “ nealles ic þām leánum forloren häfde,
 “ mägnes mēde, ac he me māðmas geaf,
 “ sunu Healfdenes, on sīnne sylfes dōm ;
 “ þā ic þe, beorn-cyning, bringan wylle,
 2150 “ ēstum geýwan. Gen is eall ät þe
 “ lissa gelong : ic lyt haſo
 “ heáfod-māga, nefne Hygelac þee !”
 Hēt þā in beran easor, heáfod-segn,
 heaðo-steápne helm, hāre byrnan.
 2155 gūð-sweord geatolíc, gyd äfter wräe :
 “ Me þis hilde-sceorp Hrōðgår sealde,
 “ snotra fengel, sume worde hēt,
 “ þät ic his ærest þe eft gesägde.
 “ cwāð þät hyt häfde Hiorogår eyning,
 2160 “ leód Seyldunga lange hwile ;

" nô þŷ ær suna sînum syllan wolde,

" hwatum Heorowearde, Jeâh he him hold wære,

" breôst-gewædu. Brûc ealles well!"

Hýrde ic þât þâm frätwum feówer mearas

2165 lungre gelice lâst weardode,

äppel-fealuwe; he him êst geteâh

meara and mâðma. Swâ sceal mæg dôn,

nealles inwit-net, ôðrum bregdan,

dyrnum crâfte ðeâð rênian

2170 hond-gesteallan. Hygelâce wäs,

nîða heardum, nefâ swyðe hold

and gehwâðer ôðrum hrôðra gemyndig.

Hýrde ic þât he þone heals-beâh Hygde gesealde,
wrâtlîcne wundur-mâððum, þone þe him Wealhþeô geaf,

2175 þeôdnes dôhtor, þriô wicg somod

swancor and sadol-beorht; hyre syððan wäs

äfter beâh-þege breôst geweorðod.

Swâ bealdode bearne Ecgþeôwes,

guma gûðum cûð, gôdum dædum,

2180 dreâh äfter dôme, nealles druncne slôg

heorð-geneâtas; nâs him hreôl sefa,

ac he man-cynnes mæste crâfte

gin-fâstan gise, þe him god sealde,

heôld hilde-deôr. Heân wäs lange,

2185 swâ hyne Geáta bearne gôdne ne tealdon,

ne hyne on medo-bence micles wyrðne

drihten wereda gedôn wolde;

swyðe oft sägdon, þât he sleac wære,

äðeling unfrom: edwenden cwom

2190 tîr-eâdigum menn torna gehwylces.

Hêt þâ eorla hleô in gefetian,

heaðo-rôf cyning, Hrêðles lâfe,

golde gegyrede; nâs mid Geátum þâ

sinc-mâððum sâlra on swoordes hâd;

2195 þât he on Biôwulfes bearne âlegde,

and him gesealde seofan þūsendo,
bold and brego-stôl. Him wäss bâm samod
on þam leódl-scope lond gecynde,
eard ēðel-riht, ððrum swîðor
2200 sîde rîce, þam þær sêlra wäss.
Eft þât geiode usaran dôgrum
hilde-hlämmunn, syððan Hygelâc läg
and Heardrêde hilde-mêceas
under bord-hreôðan tô hônan wurdon,
2205 þâ hyne gesôlthan on sige-þeôde
hearde hilde-frecan. Heaðo-Scilfingas,
niða genægðlan nefan Hiererîces.
Syððan Beowulfse brâde rîce
on hand gehwearf: he geheôld tela
2210 fîstig wintru (wäss þâ frôd eyning,
eald êðel-weard), ðð þât ân ongan
deorecum nihtum draca rîesian,
se þe on heáre hæðe hord beweotode,
stân-beorh steápne: stîg under läg,
2215 eldum uncûð. Þær on innan gióng
niða nât-hwylces neódu gefêng
hæðnum horde hond . d . . geþ . . hwyle
since fâhne, he þât syððan . . .
. . . þ . . lð . þ . . l . g
2220 slæpende be fýre, fyrena hyrde
þeófes cräfte, þât sic . . . ðioð . . .
. idh . folc-beorn, þât he gebolgen wäss.

XXXII. THE FIRE-DRAKE. THE HOARD.

NEALLES mid geweoldum wyrm-horda . . . cräft
sôhte sylfes willum, se þe him sâre gesceôd,
2225 ac for þreá-nêdlan þeów nât-hwylces
hâleða bearna hete-swengeas fleáh,

- for ofer-þearfe and þær inne fealh
 secg syn-hysig. Sôna in þâ tide
 þât þam gyste br . g . stôd,
 2230 hwäðre earm-sceapen
 . . ð . . . sceapen o . . . i r . . e se fæs begeat,
 sinc-fât geseah: þær wâs swylcra fela
 in þam eorð-scrâfe ær-gestreóna,
 swâ hy on geâr-dagum gumena nât-hwylc
 2235 eormen-lâfe äðelan cynnes
 þanc-hyegende þær gehýdde,
 deóre mâðmas. Ealle hie deáð fornam
 ærran mælum, and se ân þâ gen
 leôda duguðe, se þær lengest hwearf,
 2240 weard wine-geômor wîscete þâs yldan,
 þât he lytel fâc long-gestreóna
 brûcan môste. Beorh eal gearo
 wunode on wonge wâter-ŷðum neâh,
 niwe be nässe nearo-crâstum fâst:
 2245 þær on innan bâr eorl-gestreóna
 hringa hyrde hard-fyrdne dæl
 fättan goldes, feá worda cwâð:
 “ Heald þu nu hrûse, nu häleð ne môston,
 “ eorla æhte. Hwât! hit aer on þe
 2250 “ gôde begeâton; gûð-deáð fornam,
 “ feorh-bealo frêcne fyra gehwylcne,
 “ leôda mînra, þâra þe þis lîf ofgeaf,
 “ gesâwon sele-dreám. Nâh hwâ sweord wege
 “ oððe fetige fated wæge,
 2255 “ drync-fât deóre: duguð ellor scôc.
 “ Seocal se hearda helm *hyrsted* golde
 “ fâtum befallen: feormiend swefað,
 “ þâ þe beado-grîman býwan seeoldon,
 “ ge swylee seó here-pâd, sió ät hilde gebâd
 2260 “ ofer borda gebräc bite ïrena,
 “ brosnað äfter beorne. Ne mäg byrnan hring

- “ äfter wîg-fruman wide fêran
 “ hâleðum be healfe ; nâs hearpan wyn,
 “ gomen gleó-beámes, ne gôl hafoc
 2265 “ geond säl swingeð, ne se swifsta mearh
 “ burh-stede beáteð. Bealo-cwealm hafað
 “ fela scorh-cynna feorr onsended ! ”
 Swâ giðmor-môd giohðo mænde,
 ân äfter eallum unblîðe hweóp,
 2270 däges and nihtes, ðð þât deáðes wylm
 hrân ät heortan. Hord-wynne fond
 eald uht-sceaða opene standan,
 se þe byrnende biorgas sêceð
 nacod nîð-draca. nihtes fleógeð
 2275 fýre befangen ; hyne fold-bûend
wîde gesâwon. He gewunian sceall
 hlâw under hrusan, þær he hæðen gold
 warað wintrum frôd; ne byð him wihte þê sêl.
 Swâ se þeód-sceaða þreó hund wintra
 2280 heóld on hrusan hord-ärna sum
 eácen-cräftig, ðð þât hyne ân âbealh
 mon on môde : man-dryhtne bär
 fäted wæge, frioðo-wære bâd
 hlâford sînne. þâ wâs hord râsod,
 2285 onboren beága hord, bêne getiðad
 feá-sceaftum men. Freá sceáwode
 fira syrn-geweore forman sîðe.
 þâ se wyrn onwôc, wrôht wâs geniwad ;
 stone þâ äfter stâne, stearc-heort onfand
 2290 feóndes fôt-lâst ; he tô forð gestôp,
 dyrnan cräfte, dracan heásde neâh.
 Swâ mäg unfæge eáðe gedîgan
 weán and wräc-sîð, se þe waldendes
 hyldo gehealdeð. Hord-weard sôhte
 2295 georne äfter grunde, wolde guman findan,
 þone þe him on sweofote sâre geteóde :

hât and hreóh-môd hlæw oft ymbe hwearf,
 ealne ûtan-weardne; ne þær ænig mon
 wǟs on þære wêstenne. Hwâðre hilde gefeh,
 2300 beado-weordes: hwîlum on beorh äthwearf,
 sinc-fât sôlite; he þât sôna onfand,
 þât häfde gumena sum goldes gefandod
 heâh-gestreóna. Hord-weard onbâd
 earfoðlice, ðð þât æfen cwom;
 2305 wǟs þâ gebolgen beorges hyrde,
 wolde se lâda lîge forgyldan
 drine-fât dýre. þâ wǟs dâg sceacen
 wyrme on willan, nô on wealle leng
 bîdan wolde, ac mid bæle fôr,
 2310 fýre gefýséð. Wǟs se fruma egeslîc
 leódum on lande, swâ hyt lungre wearð
 on hyra sinc-gifan sâre geendod.

XXXIII.

BEÓWULF RESOLVES TO KILL THE FIRE-DRAKE.

þâ se gäst ongan glêdum spîwan,
 beorht hofu bärnan; bryne-leóma stôd
 2315 eldum on andan; nô þær âlt cwices
 láð lyft-floga læfan wolde.
 Wǟs þǟs wyrmes wîg wide gesyâne,
 nearo-fâges nîð neán and feorran,
 hû se gûð-sceaða Geáta leóde
 2320 hatode and hýnde: hord est gesceát,
 dryht-sele dyrnne ær dâges hwile.
 Häfde land-wara lîge befangen,
 bæle and bronde; beorges getrûwode,
 wîges and wealles: him seó wên geleâh.
 2325 þâ wǟs Biówulfe brôga gecyðed
 snûðe tô sôðe, þât his sylfes him

bolda sêlest bryne-wylmum mealt,
 gif-stôl Geáta. Þât þam gôdan wäs
 hreów on hreðre, hyge-sorga mæst:
 2330 wênde se wîsa, Þât he wealdende,
 ofer ealde riht, êcean dryhtne
 bitre gebulge: breóst innan weóll
 þeostrum geþoncum, swâ him geþýwe ne wäs.
 Hæfde lîg-draca leóda fästen,
 2335 eá-lond utan, eorð-weard þone
 glêdum forgrunden. Him þas gûð-cyning,
 Wedera þiðen, wræce leornode.
 Héht him þâ gewyreean wîgendra hleô
 call-îrenne, eorla dryhten
 2340 wîg-bord wrætlîc; wisse he gearwe,
 þât him holt-wudu helpan ne meahste,
 lind wið lîge. Seeolde læn-daga
 äðeling ær-gôd ende gebidan
 worulde lîses and se wyrm somod,
 2345 þeáh þe hord-welan heólde lange.
 Oferhogode þâ hringa fengel,
 þât he þone wîd-flogan weorode gesôhte,
 sîdan herge; nô he him þâ säcce ondrêd,
 ne him þas wyrmes wîg for wiht dyde,
 2350 eafoð and ellen; forþon he ær fela
 nearo nêðende nîða gedîgde,
 hilde-hlemma, syððan he Hrôðgåres,
 sigor-eâdig secg, sele fælsode
 and ät gûðe forgrâp Grendelis mægum,
 2355 lâðan cynnes. Nô þât läsest wäs
 hond-gemota, þær mon Hygelâc slôh,
 syððan Geáta cyning gûðe ræsum,
 freá-wine folces Freslondum on,
 Hrêðles eafora hioro-dryncum swealt,
 2360 bille gebeáten; þonan Biôwulf com
 sylfes cräfte, sund-nytte dreâh;

- † hæfde him on earm . . . XXX
 hilde-geatwa, þâ he tô holme stâg.
 Nealles Hetware hrêmge ȝorftan
 2365 fêðe-wîges, þe him foran ongeán
 linde bæron: lyt eft beewom
 fram þam hild-frecan hâmes niósan.
 Oferswam þâ sióleða bigong suna Ecgþeówes,
 earm ân-haga eft tô leódum,
 2370 þær him Hygd gebeád hord and rîce,
 beágas and brego-stôl: bearne ne trûwode,
 þât he wið äl-fyleum êðel-stôlas
 healdan cûðe, þâ wäs Hygelâc deád.
 Nô þý aer feá-sceafte findan meahton
 2375 ät þam äðelinge ænige ȝinga,
 þât he Heardrêde hlâford wäre,
 oððe þone eyne-dôm ciðsar wolde;
 hwäðre he him on folce freónd-lârum heóld,
 êstum mid âre, ðð þât he yldra wearð,
 2380 Weder-Geátum weóld. Hyne wräc-mäegas
 ofer sæ sôhtan, suna Ôhteres:
 häfdon hy forhealden helm Scylsinga,
 þone sêlestân sæ-cyninga,
 þâra þe in Swiô-rîce sinc brytnade,
 2385 mærne þeóden. Him þât tô mearce wearð;
 he þær on feorme feorh-wunde hleát
 sveordes swengum, sunu Hygelâces;
 and him eft gewât Ongenþiowes bearn
 hâmes niósan, syððan Heardrêd läg;
 2390 lêt þone brego-stôl Biówulf healdan,
 Geátum wealdan: þât wäs gôd eyning.

XXXIV.

RETROSPECT OF BEÓWULF.—STRIFE BETWEEN
SWEONAS AND GEÁTAS.

SE þás leód-hryres leán gemunde
uferan dôgrum, Eádgilse wearð
feá-sceaftum feónd. Folce gestepte
2395 ofer sæ síde sunu Ôhteres
wígum and wæpnum : he gewräic syððan
cealdum eear-síðum, cyning ealdre bineát.
Swâ he nîða gehwane genesen hæfde,
slíðra geslyhta, sunu Ecgþiowes,
2400 ellen-weorca, ðð þone ânne dæg,
þe he wið þam wyrme gewegan sceolde.
Gewât þâ twelfa sum torne gebolgen
dryhten Geáta dracan sceáwian ;
hæfde þâ gefrunen, hwanan sió fælhð ârâs,
2405 bealo-nîð biorna ; him tô bearme cwom
máððum-fät mære þurh þás meldan hond.
Se wäs on þam ȝreáte ȝreotteoða seeg,
se þás orleges ðr onstealde.
hæft hyge-giômor, sceolde heán þonon
2410 wong wîsian : he ofer willan gióng
tô þás þe he eorð-sele ânne wisse,
hlæw under hrusan holm-wylme nêh,
fýð-gewinne, se wäs innan full
wrätta and wîra : weard unhiore,
2415 gearo gûð-freca, gold-mâðmas heóld,
eald under eorðan ; nás þät yðe ceáp,
tô gegangenne gumena ænigum.
Gesät þâ on nässe nîð-heard cyning,
þenden hælo ábeád heorð-geneátum
2420 gold-wine Geáta : him wäs geðmor sefa,
wäfre and wäl-fûs, Wyrd ungemete neáh,

- se þone gomelan grêtan sceolle,
 sêcean sâwle hord, sundur gedælan
 lif wið lîce: nô þon lange wäs
 2425 feorh äðelinges flæsce bewunden.
 Biówulf maðelade, bearn Ecgþeówes:
 " Fela ic on giogoðe gûð-ræsa genäs,
 " orleg-hwîla: ic þât eall gemon.
 " Ic wäs syfan-wintre, þâ mec sinca baldor,
 2430 " freá-wine folca ät mînum fäder genam,
 " heold mec and häfde Hrêðel cyning,
 " geaf me sinc and symbol, sibbe gemunde;
 " näs ic him tô life lâðra ðwihte
 " beorn in burgum, þonne his bearna hwyle,
 2435 " Herebeald and Hæðcyn, oððe Hygelâc mîn.
 " Wäs þam yldestan ungedêfelice
 " mæges dædum morðor-bed strêd,
 " syððan hyne Hæðcyn of horn-bogan,
 " his freá-wine flâne geswencte,
 2440 " miste mercelses and his mæg ofscêt,
 " brðor ðerne, blôdigan gâre:
 " þât wäs feoh-leás gefeoht, fyrenum gesyngad,
 " hreðre hyge-mêðe; sceolde hwâðre swâ þeah
 " äðeling unwrecen ealdres linnan.
 2445 " Swâ bið geðmorlic gomelum ceorle
 " tô gebidanne, þât his byre rîde
 " giong on galgan, þonne he gyd wrece,
 " sârigne sang, þonne his sunu hangað
 " hrefne tô hrôðre and he him helpan ne mäg,
 2450 " eald and in-frôd, ænige gefremman.
 " Symble bið gemyndgad morna gehwylce
 " eaforan ellor-sið; ðôres ne gýmeð
 " to gebidanne burgum on innan
 " yrfe-weardles, þonne se ân hafað
 2455 " þurh deáðes nýð dæda gefondad.
 " Gesyhð sorh-cearig on his suna bûre

- “ win-sele wêstne, wind-gereste,
 “ reote berofene; rîdend swefâð,
 “ häleð in hoðman; nis þær hearpan swêg,
2460 “ gomen in geardum, swyldæ ðær iú wæron.

XXXV.

MEMORIES OF PAST TIME.—THE FEUD WITH
THE FIRE-DRAKE.

- “ GEWÎTEÐ þonne on sealman, sorh-leóð gäleð
 “ ân äfter ânum: þûlte him eall tô rûm,
 “ wongas and wîc-stede. Swâ Wedra helm
 “ äfter Herebealde heortan sorge
2465 “ weallende wâg, wihte ne meahte
 “ on þam feorh-bonan fæhðe gebêtan:
 “ nô þý ær he þone heaðo-rinc hatian ne meahte
 “ lâðum dædum, þeâh him leóf ne wâs.
 “ He þâ mid þære sorge, þe him sió sâr belamp,
2470 “ gum-dreám ofgeaf, godes leóht geceás;
 “ eaferum læfde, swâ dêð eâdig mon,
 “ lond and leóð-byrig, þâ he of lîfe gewât.
 “ þâ wâs synn and sacu Sweona and Geáta.
 “ ofer wîl wâter wrôht gemæne.
2475 “ here-nîð hearda, syððan Hrêðel swealt,
 “ oððe him Ongenþeowes eaferan wæran
 “ frome fyrd-hwate, freóde ne woldon
 “ ofer heaðo healdan, ac ymb Hreosna-beorh
 “ eatolne inwit-scear ost gefremedon.
2480 “ þât mæg-wine mîne gewræcan,
 “ fæhðe andl fyrne, swâ hyt gefræge wâs,
 “ þeâh þe ôðer hit ealdre gebolhte,
 “ heardan ceápe: Hæðcynne wearð,
 “ Geáta dryhtne, gûð onsæge.

- 2485 " þâ ic on morgne gesrägn mæg ðærne
 " billes eegum on bonan stælan,
 " þær Ongenþeów Eofores niósade :
 " gûð-helm tôglâd, gomela Scylfing
 " hreás heoro-blâc; hond gemunde
- 2490 " fælhðo genðge, feorh-sweng ne ofteáh.
 " Ic him þâ mâðmas, þe he me sealde,
 " geald ät gûðe, swâ me gifeðe wäs,
 " leóhtan sweorde : he me lond forgeaf,
 " eard êðel-wyn. Nâs him ænig þearf,
- 2495 " þât he tô Gifðum oððe tô Gâr-Denum
 " oððe in Swiô-rîce sêcean þurfe
 " wyrsan wîg-frecan, weorðe gecýpan ;
 " symle ic him on fêðan beforan wolde,
 " âna on orde, and swâ tô aldre sceall
- 2500 " sâcce fremman, þenden þis sweord þolað,
 " þât mec ær and sîð ost gelæste,
 " syððan ic for dugeðum Dâghrefne wearð
 " tô hand-bonan, Huga cempan :
 " nalles he þâ frätwe Fres-cyninge,
- 2505 " breóst-weorðunge bringan môste,
 " ac in campe gecrong eumbles hyrde,
 " äðeling on elne. Ne wäs eeg bona,
 " ac him hilde-grâp heortan wylmas,
 " bân-hûs gebräc. Nu sceall billes eeg,
- 2510 " hond and heard sweord ymb hord wîgan." Beowulf maðelode, beót-wordum spräc niéhstan sîðe : " Ic genêðde fela
 " gûða on geogoðe ; gyt ic wylle,
 " frôd folces weard, fæhðe sêcan,
- 2515 " mærðum fremman, gif mec se mân-sceaða
 " of eorð-sele ût gesêceð ! " Gegrêtte þâ gumena gehwylcne,
 hwate helm-berend hindeman sîðe,
 swæse gesiðas : " Nolde ic sweord beran,

- 2520 " wæpen tō wyrme, gif ic wiste hū
 " wið þam aglæcean elles mealite
 " gylpe wiðgrīpan, swā ic gió wið Grendle dyde;
 " ac ic þær heaðu-fýres hâtes wêne,
 " rēðes and-hâttres: forþon ic me on hafu
- 2525 " bord and byrnan. Nelle ic beorges weard
 " oferfleón fôtes trem, feónd unhlýre,
 " ac unc sceal weorðan ät wealle, swā unc Wyrd geteōð,
 " metod manna gehwäs. Ic eom on mōde from,
 " þät ic wið þone gûð-flogan gylp ofersitte.
- 2530 " Gebîde ge on beorge byrnnum werede,
 " seegas on searwum, hwäðer sêl mæge
 " äfter wäl-ræse ` wunde gedýgan
 " uncer twega. Nis þät eower sið,
 " ne gemet mannes, nefne mîn ânes,
- 2535 " þät he wið aglæcean cofoðo dæle,
 " eorl-scype efne. Ic mid elne sceall
 " gold gegangan oððe gûð nimeð,
 " feorh-bealu frêcne, freán eówerne!"
 Ârâs þâ bî ronde rôf oretta,
- 2540 heard under helm, hioro-sercean bär
 under stân-cleofu, strengo getrûwode
 ânes mannes: ne bið swylc earges sîð.
 Geseah þâ be wealle, se þe worna fela,
 gum-cystum gôd, gûða gedigde,
- 2545 hilde-hlemma, þonne hñitan fêðan,
 (stôd on stân-bogan) streám ût þonan
 brecan of beorge; wäs þære burnan wâlm
 heaðo-fýrum hât: ne meahte horde neáh
 unbyrnende ænige hwile
- 2550 deóp gedýgan for dracan lêge.
 Lêt þâ of breóstum, þâ he gebolgen wäs,
 Weder-Geáta leôd word ût faran,
 stearc-heort styrmde; stefn in becom
 heaðo-torht hlynnan under hárne stân.

- 2555 Hete wäs onhrêred, hord-weard oneniów
 mannes reorde; näs þær māra fyrst,
 freóde tō friclan. From ærest cwom
 oruð aglæcean ût of stâne,
 hât hilde-swât; hruse dynede.
- 2560 Biorn under beorge bord-rand onswâf
 wið þam gryre-gieste, Geáta dryhten:
 þâ wäs hring-bogan heorte gefýsed
 sâcce tō sêceanne. Sweord ær gebräd
 gôd gûð-cyning gomele lâfe,
- 2565 ecgum ungleáw, æghwâðrum wäs
 bealo-hyegendra brôga fram ððrum.
 Stið-môd gestôd wið steápne rond
 winia bealdor, þâ se wyrn gebeáh
 snûde tôsomne: he on searwum bâd.
- 2570 Gewât þâ byrnende gebogen scriðan tð,
 gescîfe scyndan. Seyld wel gebearg
 lîse and lîce lässan hwile
 mærum þeódne, þonne his myne sôhte,
 þær he þý fyrste forman dôgore
- 2575 wealdan môste, swâ him Wyrd ne gescrâf
 hrêð ät hilde. Hond up âbräd
 Geáta dryhten, gryre-fâhne slôh
 inege lâfe, þât sió ecg gewâc
 brûn on bâne, bât unswîðor,
- 2580 þonne his þiód-cyning þearfe häfde,
 bysigum gebaeded. þâ wäs beorges weard
 äfter heaðu-swenge on hreðum môde,
 wearp wäl-fýre, wide sprungon
 hilde-leóman: hrêð-sigora ne gealp
- 2585 gold-wine Geáta, gûð-bill geswâc
 nacod ät niðe, swâ hyt nô sceolde,
 fren ær-gôd. Ne wäs þât êðe sið,
 þât se mæra maga Ecgþeówes
 grund-wong þone ofgyfan wolde;

2590 sceolde *wyrmes* willan wic eardian
 elles hwergen, swâ sceal æghwyle mon
 âlætan laen-dagas. Näs þâ long tô þon,
 þât þâ aglæcean hy est gemêtton.
 Hyrte hyne hord-weard, hreðer æðme weôll,
 2595 niwan stesne nearo þrowode
 fýre besongen se þeær folce weôld.
 Nealles him on heápe hand-gesteallan,
 äðelinga bearn ymbe gestôdon
 hilde-eystum, ac hy on holt bugon,
 2600 ealdre burgan. Hiora in ânum weôll
 sefa wið sorgum: sibb æfre ne mäg
 wiht onwendan, þam þe wel þenceð.

XXXVI. WIGLAF HELPS BEÓWULF IN THE FEUD.

WIGLÂF wäs hâten Weoxstânes sunu,
 leóflic lind-wiga, leód Scylfinga,
 2605 mæg Älfheres: geseah his mon-dryhten
 under here-grîman hât þrowian.
 Gemunde þâ þâ âre, þe he him aer forgeaf
 wic-stede weligne Wægmundinga,
 folc-rihta gehwylc, swâ his fäder âhte;
 2610 ne mihte þâ forhabban, hond rond gefêng,
 geolwe linde, gomel swyrd geteâh,
 þât wäs mid eldum Eánmundes lâf,
 suna Ôhteres, þam ät sâcce wearð
 wracu wine-leásum Weohstânes bana
 2615 mēces ecgum, and his mágum ätbär
 brûn-fâgne helm, hringde byrnan,
 eald swoord eotonisc, þât him Onela forgeaf,
 his gädelinges gûð-gewædu,
 fyrd-searo fûslîc: nô ymbe þâ fæhðe spräc,
 2620 þeah þe he his brôðor bearn âbredwade.

He frätwe geheóld fela missera,
 bill and byrnán, ðð þät his byre mihte
 eorl-seipe efnan, swâ lis ær-fäder ;
 geaf him þâ mid Geátum gûð-gewæda
 2625 æghwás unrim; þâ he of ealdre gewât,
 frôd on forð-weg. þâ wás forma sîð
 geongan cempan, þät he gûðe ræs
 mid his freó-dryhtne fremman sceolde ;
 ne gemealt him se môd-sefa, ne his mæges lâf
 2630 gewâc ät wîge: þät se wyrn onfand,
 syððan hie tôgädre gegân häfdon.
 Wiglâf maðelode word-rihta fela,
 sägde gesiðum, him wás sefa geðmor :
 " Ic þät mæl geman, þær we medu þêgun,
 2635 " þonne we gehêton ûssum hlâforde
 " in biór-sele, þe ûs þâs beágas geaf,
 " þät we him þâ gûð-geatwa gyldan woldon,
 " gif him þyslîeu þearf gelumpe,
 " helmas and heard sveord: þê he ûsic on herge geceás
 2640 " tô þyssum sîð-fate sylfes willum,
 " onmunde ûsic mærða and me þâs mâðmas geaf,
 " þe he ûsic gâr-wigend góde tealde,
 " hwate helm-berend, þeáh þe hlâford ûs
 " þis ellen-weorc âna âþôlte
 2645 " tô gefremmanne, folces hyrde,
 " forþam he manna mæst mærða gefremede,
 " dæda dolliera. Nu is se dâg cumen,
 " þät ûtre man-dryhten mägenes behôfað
 " gódra gûð-rinca: wutun gangan tð,
 2650 " helpan hild-fruman, þenden hyt sý,
 " glêd-egesa grim! God wât on mec,
 " þät me is micle leófre, þät mînne lîc-haman
 " mid mînne gold-gyfan glêd fâðmie.
 " Ne þynceð me gerysne, þät we rondas beren
 2655 " eft tð earde, nemne we æror mægen

- “ fâne gefyllan, feorh ealgian
 “ Wedra þiódnes. Ic wât geare,
 “ þät næron cald-gewyrht, þät he ãna scyle
 “ Geáta duguðe gnorn þrowian,
 2660 “ gesigan ät säcce: sceal ûrum þät sveord and helm,
 “ byrne and byrdi-serûd bâm gemæne.”
 Wôd þâ þurh þone wäl-rêc, wîg-heafolan bär
 freán on fultum, feá worda cwäð:
 “ Leófa Biówulf, læst eall tela,
 2665 “ swâ þu on geoguð-seore gefâra geewæde,
 “ þät þu ne âlæte be þe lisigendum
 “ dôm gedreósan: scealt nu dædum rôf,
 “ äðeling ân-hydig, ealle mægene
 “ feorh ealgian; ic þe fullæstu!”
 2670 Äfter þâm wordum wyrm yrre cwom,
 atol inwit-gäst öðre sîðe,
 fýr-wylmum fâh fiónda niósan,
 lâðra manna; lig-fýðum forborn
 bord wið ronde: byrne ne meahte
 2675 geongum gâr-wigan geóce gefremman:
 ac se maga geonga under his mæges scyld
 elne gecode, þâ his âgen wâs
 glêdum forgrunden. þâ gen gûð-cyning
 mærða gemunde, mägen-strengo,
 2680 slôh hilde-bille, þät hyt on heafolan stôd
 nîðe genýded: Nâgling forbärst,
 geswâc ät säcce sveord Biówulfes
 gomol and græg-mael. Him þät gifeðe ne wâs,
 þät him irennâ eege mihton
 2685 helpan ät hilde; wâs sió hond tô strong,
 se þe mîea gehwane mîne gefræge
 swenge ofersôhte, þonne he tô säcce bär
 wæpen wundrum heard, nás him wihte þê sêl.
 þâ wâs þeóð-sceaða friddan sîðe,
 2690 frêcne fýr-draca fæhða gemyndig,

ræsde on þone rôfan, þâ him rûm âgeald,
 hât and heaðo-grim, heals ealne ymbefêng
 biteran bânnum; he geblôdegod wearð
 sâwul-driore; swât ýðum weóll.

XXXVII. BEÓWULF WOUNDED TO DEATH.

- 2695 þâ ic ät þearfe *gefrägn* þeód-cyninges
 and-longne eorl ellen cýðan,
 cräft and cénðu, swâ him gecynde wäs;
 ne hêdde he þas heafolan, ac sió hand gebarn
 môdiges mannes, þær he his mæges healp,
 2700 þät he þone nîð-gäst nioðor hwêne slôh,
 secg on searwum, þät þät sweord gedeáf
 fäh and fäted, þät þät fyr ongon
 sweðrian syðan. þâ gen sylf cyning
 geweold his gewitte, wäll-seaxe gebräd,
 2705 biter and beadu-scearp, þät he on byrnan wäg:
 forwrât Wedra helm wyrn on middan.
 Feónd gefyldan (ferh ellen wräc),
 and hi hyne þâ begen âbroten häfdon,
 sib-äðelingas: swyle sceolde secg wesan,
 2710 þegn ät þearfe. þät þam þeódne wäs
 sîðast sîge-hwile sylfes dædum,
 worlde geweorces. þâ sió wund ongon,
 þe him se corð-draca aer geworhte,
 swêlan and swellan. He þät sôna onfand,
 2715 þät him on breóstum bealo-nîð weóll,
 åttor on innan. þâ se äðeling gióng,
 þät he bî wealle, wîs-hycgende,
 gesät on sesse; seah on enta geweorc,
 hû þâ stân-bogân stapulum fäste
 2720 êce eorð-reced innan heóldon.
 Hyne þâ mid handa heoro-dreórigne

- þeóden mærne þegn ungemete till,
 wine-dryhten his wätere gelafede,
 hilde-sädne and his helm onspeón.
- 2725 Biówulf maðelode, he ofer benne spräc,
 wunde wäl-bleáte (wisse he gearwe,
 þät he däg-hwila gedrogen häfde
 eorðan wynne; þā wäs eall sceacen
 dôgor-gerimes, deáð ungemete neálh):
- 2730 " Nu ic suna mînum syllan wolde
 " gûð-gewædu, þær me gifeðe swâ
 " ænig yrfe-weard äfter wurde,
 " lîce gelenge. Ic þás leóde heóld
 " fiftig wintra: nás se folc-cyning
- 2735 " ymbe-sittendra ænig þâra,
 " þe mec gûð-winum grêtan dorste,
 " egesan þeón. Ic on earde bâd
 " mael-gesceafta, heóld mîn tela,
 " ne sôhte searo-nîðas, ne me swôr fela
- 2740 " âða on unrilht. Ic þás ealles mäg,
 " feorh-bennum seóc, gefeán habban:
 " forþam me witan ne þearf waldend fira
 " morðor-bealo mâga, þonne mîn sceaceð
 " lîf of lîce. Nu þu lungre
- 2745 " geong, hord sceáwian under hárne stân,
 " Wigláf leófa, nu se wyrn ligeð,
 " swefeoð sâre wund, since bereásfod.
 " Bió nu on ðfoste, þät ic ær-welan,
 " gold-æht ongite, gearo sceáwige
- 2750 " swegle searo-gimmas, þät ic þý séft mæge
 " äfter mâððum-welan mîn âlaetan
 " lîf and leód-scipte, þone ic longe heóld."

XXXVIII.

THE JEWEL-HOARD. THE PASSING OF BEÓWULF.

þâ ic snûde gefrägn sunu Wihstânes
 äfter word-ewyldum wundum dryhtne
 2755 hýran heaðo-siôcum, hring-net beran,
 brogdne beadu-sercean under beorges hrôf.
 Geseah þâ sige-hrêðig, þâ he bî sesse geóng,
 mago-þegn môdig mâððum-sigla fela,
 gold glitinian grunde getenge,
 2760 wundur on wealle and þäs wyrmes denn,
 ealdes uht-flogan, orcas stondan,
 fyrn-manna satu feormend-leáse,
 hyrstum behrorene: þær wäs helm monig,
 eald and ômig, earm-beága fela,
 2765 searwum gesæled. Sine eáðe mäg,
 gold on grunde, gumena cynnes
 gehwone ofer-higian, hýde se þe wylle!
 Swyln he siomian geseah segn eall-gylden
 heáh ofer horde, hond-wundra mæst,
 2770 gelocen leoðo-cräftum: of þam leóma stôd,
 þât he þone grund-wong ongitan meahte,
 wrâte giond-wlitan. Näs þäs wyrmes þær
 onsýn ænig, ac hyne eeg fornam.
 þâ ic on hlæwe gefrägn hord reáfian,
 2775 eald enta geweore ânne mannan,
 him on bearm hladan bunan and discas
 sylfes dôme, segn eác genom,
 beácna beorhtost; bill ær-gescôd
 (eeg wäs ïren) eald-hlâfordes
 2780 þam þâra mâðma mund-bora wäs
 longe hwile, lîg-egesan wäg
 hâtne for horde. hioro-weallende,

- middel-nihtum, ðð þät he morðre swealt.
 År wäs on ðfoste eft-siðes georn,
 2785 frätwum gesyrðred : hyne fyrwet bräc,
 hwäðer collen-serð ewiene gemête
 in þam wong-stede Wedra ȝeóden,
 ellen-siðene, þær he hine ær forlêt.
 He þâ mid þâm mâðnum mærne þiðen,
 2790 dryhten sînne driðrigne fand
 ealdres ät ende : he hine eft ongon
 wätere weorpan, ðð þät wordes ord
 breöst-hord þurhbräc. *Beowulf maðelode,*
 gomel on giohðe (gold seeawode) :
 2795 " " Ic þâra frätwa freán ealles þanc
 " " wuldur-cyninge wordum seege,
 " " êcum dryhtne, þe ic her on starie,
 " " þâs þe ic môste mînum leódum
 " " ær swylt-däge swyld gestrynan.
 2800 " " Nu ic on mâðma hord mîne bebohte
 " " frôde feorh-lega, fremmað ge nu
 " " leôda ȝearfe ; ne mäg ic her leng wesan.
 " " Hâtað heaðo-mære hlæw gewyrcean,
 " " beorhtne äfter bæle ät brimes nosan ;
 2805 " " se scel tô gemyndum mînum leódum
 " " heáh hlifian on Hrones nässe,
 " " þät hit sæ lîðend syððan hâtan
 " " Biówulfses biorh, þâ ȝe brentingas
 " " ofer flôda genipu feorran drifað."
- 2810 Dyde him of healse hring gyldenne
 þiðen ȝrist-hydig, þegne gesealde,
 geongum gâr-wigan, gold-fâhne helm,
 beâh and byrnan, hêt hyne brûcan well :
 " " ȝu eart ende lâf ûsses cynnes,
 2815 " " Wægmundinga ; ealle Wyrd forsweóf,
 " " mîne mâgas tô metod-seefaste,
 " " eorlas on elne : ic him äfter sceal."

þät wäs jam gomelan gingeste word
 breóst-gehygdum, ær he bæl cure,
 2820 hâte heaðo-wylmas: him of hreðre gewât
 sâwol sêcean, sôð-fästra dôm.

XXXIX. THE COWARD-THANES.

þâ wäs gegongen guman unfrôdum
 earfoðlice, þät he on eorðan geseah
 þone leófestan lîfes ät ende
 2825 bleáte gebærان. Bona swylce läg,
 egeslic eorð-draca, ealdre bereásod,
 bealwe gebæded: beáh-hordum leng
 wyrm woh-bogen wealdan ne möste,
 ac him frenna eega fornâmon,
 2830 hearde heaðo-scearpe homera lâfe,
 þät se wið-floga wundum stille
 breas on hrusan hord-ärne neâh,
 nalles äfter lyfte lâcende hwearf
 middel-nihtum, mâðm-æhta wlone
 2835 ansýn ðwde: ac he eorðan gefeóll
 for þas hild-fruman hond-geweorce.
 Hûru þät on lande lyt manna þâh
 mägen-âgendra mîne gefräge,
 þeâh þe he dæda gehwâs dyrstig wäre,
 2840 þät he wið âttor-sceaðan oreðe geræsde,
 oððe hring-sele hondum styrede,
 gif he wäccende weard onsfunde
 bûan on beorge. Biówulfe wearð
 dryht-mâðma dæl deáðe forgolden;
 2845 häfde æghwâðer ende gefêred.
 lænan lîfes. Näs þâ lang tô þon,
 þät þâ hild-latan holt ofgêsan,
 tydre treow-logan tyne ätsomne,

þā ne dorston ær dareðum lâcan
 2850 on hyra man-dryhtnes miclan þearfe ;
 ac hy seamiende scyldas bæran,
 gûð-gewædu, þær se gomela läg :
 wlitan on Wiglaf. He gewêrgad sät,
 fêðe-cempa freán eaxlum neáh,
 2855 wehte hyne wätre ; him wiht ne speów ;
 ne mealhte he on eordan, þeálh he ûðe wel,
 on þam frum-gâre feorh gehealdan,
 ne þüs wealdendes willan wiht oncirran ;
 wolde dôm godes dædum rædan
 2860 gumena gehwylcun, swâ he nu gen dêð,
 þā wäs ät þam geongum grim andswaru
 êð-begête þam þe ær his elne forleás.
 Wiglaf maðelode, Weohstânes sunu,
 secg sârig-ferð seah on unleófe :
 2865 “ þät lâ mäg seegan, se þe wyle sôð sprecan,
 “ þät se mon-dryhten, se eów þā mâðmas geaf,
 “ cored-geatwe, þe ge þær on standað,
 “ þonne he on ealu-bence oft gesealde
 “ heal-sittendum helm and byrnan,
 2870 “ þeóden his þegnum, swylee he þryðlicost
 “ ðhwær seor oððe neáh findan meahete,
 “ þät he genunga gûð-gewædu
 “ wrâðe forwurpe. þâ hyne wîg beget,
 “ nealles folc-cyning syrd-gesteallum
 2875 “ gylpan þorste ; hwâðre him god ûðe,
 “ sigora waldend, þät he hyne sylfne gewräc
 “ âna mid eege, þâ him wäs elnes þearf,
 “ Ic him lîf-wraðe lytle meahete
 “ ätgifan ät gûðe and ongan swâ þeálh
 2880 “ ofer mân gemet mæges helpan :
 “ symle wäs þý sämra, þonne ic sweorde drep
 “ ferhð-geniðlan, fyr unswiðor
 “ weôll of gewitte. Wergendra tð lyt

- “ þrōng ymbe þeóden, þâ hyne sió þrag beeƿom.
 2885 “ Nu seeal sinc-þego and swyrd-gisu
 “ eall êðel-wyn eówrum cynne,
 “ lufen ƿliegean : lond-rihtes môt
 “ þære mæg-burge monna æghwyle
 “ Ȑidel hweorfan, syððan äðelingas
 2890 “ feorran gefriegean fleám eówerne,
 “ dôm-leásan dæd. Deáð bið sêlla
 “ eorla gehwylcum þonne edwît-lif!”

XL. THE SOLDIER'S DIRGE AND PROPHECY.

- Hêht þâ þât heaðo-weore tô hagan biódan
 up ofer êg-clif, þær þât eorl-weorod
 2895 morgen-longne dâg môd-giômor sät,
 bord-häbbende, bega on wênum
 ende-dôgores and est-cymes
 leófes monnes. Lyt swîgode
 niwra spella, se þe nás gerâd,
 2900 ac he sôðlîce ságde ofer ealle ;
 “ Nu is wil-geofa Wedra leóda,
 “ dryhten Geáta deáð-bedde fâst,
 “ wunað wäl-reste wyrmes dædum ;
 “ him on esn ligeð ealdor-gewinna,
 2905 “ siex-bennnm seóc: sweorde ne meahte
 “ on þam aglæcean ænige þinga
 “ wunde gewyreean. Wiglaf siteð
 “ ofer Biówulfe, byre Wihstânes,
 “ eorl ofer ððrum unlifigendum,
 2910 “ healdeð hige-mêčum heásfod-wearde,
 “ leófes and lâðes. Nu ys leódum wên
 “ orleg-hwile, syððan underne
 “ Froncum and Frysum fyll eyninges
 “ wîde weorðeð. Wäs sió wrðht scepen

- 2915 " heard wið Hugas, syððan Higelac ewom
 " faran flot-herge on Fresna land,
 " þær hyne Hetware hilde gehnægdon,
 " elne gecodon mid ofer-mägene,
 " þät se byrn-wiga bûgan sceolde,
 2920 " feóll on fêðan: nalles frätwe geaf
 " ealdor dugoðe; ûs wäss å syððan
 " Merewioinga milts ungyfeðe.
 " Ne ic tð Sweó-þeóde sibbe oððe treówe
 " wilhte ne wêne; ac wäss wîde cûð,
 2925 " pätte Ongenþið ealdre besnyðede
 " Hæðeyn Hrêðling wið Hrefna-wudu,
 " þâ for on-mêdlan ærest gesôhton
 " Geáta leóde Gûð-seilfingas.
 " Sôna him se frôda fäder Ôhtheres,
 2930 " eald and eges-full ond-slyht âgeaf,
 " âbreót brim-wisan, brýd âheórde,
 " gomela ið-meowlan golde berofene,
 " Onelan môdor and Ôhtheres,
 " and þâ folgode feorh-genîðlan
 2935 " ðð þät hî ðœodon earfoðlice
 " in Hrefnes-holt hlâford-leáse.
 " Besät þâ sin-herge sweorda lâfe
 " wundum wêrge, weán oft gehêt
 " earmre teohlie andlonge niht:
 2940 " ewäð he on mergenne mëces eegum
 " getan wolde, sume on galg-treówum
 " fuglum tð gamene. Frôfor eft gelamp
 " sârig-môdum somod ær-däge,
 " syððan hie Hygelâces horn and býman
 2945 " gealdor ongeâton. þâ se gôda com
 " leôda dugoðe on lâst faran.

XLI. HE TELLS OF THE SWEDES AND THE GEATAS.

- " Wä s siō swât-swaðu Sweona and Geáta,
 " wäl-ræs wera wide gesýne,
 " hû þâ folc mid him fæhðe tðwehton.
 2950 " Gewât him þâ se gôda mid his gädelingum,
 " frôd fela geðmor fästen sêcean,
 " eorl Ongenþiô ufor oncirde ;
 " häfde Higelâces hilde gefrunen,
 " wlonces wîg-cräft, wiðres ne trûwode,
 2955 " þât he sæ-mannum onsacan mihte,
 " heáðo-liðendum hord forstandan,
 " bearn and brýde ; beáh eft þonan
 " eald under eorð-weall. þâ wäs æht boden
 " Sweona leódum, segn Higelâce.
 2960 " Freoðo-wong þone forð ofereodon,
 " syððan Hrêðlingas tð hagan þrungon.
 " þær wearð Ongenþiô eegum sweorda,
 " blonden-fexa on bîd wrecen,
 " þât se þeód-cyning þafian sceolde
 2965 " Eofores ânne dôm : hyne yrringa
 " Wulf Wonrêding wæpne geræhte,
 " þât him for swenge swât ædrum sprong
 " forð under fexe. Näs he forht swâ þeh,
 " gomela Scilfing, ac forgeald hraðe
 2970 " wyrsan wrixle wäl-hlem þone,
 " syððan þeód-cyning þyder oncirde :
 " ne meahte se snella sunu Wonrêdes
 " ealdum ccorle ond-slyht giofan,
 " ac he him on heáfde helm ær gescer,
 2975 " þât he blôde fâh bûgan sceolde,
 " feóll on foldan ; näs he fæge þâ git,
 " ac he hyne gewyrpte, þeáh þe him wund hrine.
 " Lêt se hearda Higelâces þegen

- " brâdne mîce, þâ his brððor lâg,
 2980 " eald swoord eotonisc, entiscne helm,
 " brecan ofer bord-weal: þâ gebeâh cyning,
 " folces hyrde, wâs in feorh dropen.
 " þâ wæron monige, þe his mæg wriðon,
 " ricone ârærdon, þâ him gerymed wearð,
 2985 " þât hie wäl-stôwe wealdan môston.
 " þenden reáfode rinc ôðerne,
 " nam on Ongenþiô ïren-byrnan,
 " heard swyrd hilted and his helm somod;
 " hâres hyrste Higelâce bâr.
 2990 " He þâm frätwum fêng and him fâgre gehêt
 " leána fore leódum and gelæste swâ:
 " geald þone gûð-ræs Geáta dryhten,
 " Hrêðles easora, þâ he tô hâm becom,
 " Jofore and Wulfe mid ofer-mâðmum,
 2995 " sealde hiora gehwâðrum hund þûsenda
 " landes and locenra beága; ne þorste him þâ leán
 ôðwitan
 " mon on middan-gearde, syððan hie þâ mærða geslôgon;
 " and þâ Jofore forgeaf ângan dôhtor,
 " hâm-weorðunge, hyldo tô wedde.
 3000 " þât ys sió fæhðo and se feônd-scipe,
 " wäl-nîð wera, þâs þe ic wên hafo,
 " þe ûs sêceað tô Sweona leóde,
 " syððan hic gefricgeað freán ûserne
 " ealdor-leásne, þone þe ær geheôld
 3005 " wið hettendum hord and rîce,
 " äfter häleða hryre hwate Scylfingas,
 " folc-ræd fremede oððe furður gen
 " eorl-scipe efnde. Nu is ðfost betost,
 " þât we þeód-cyning þær sceâwian
 3010 " and þone gebringan, þe ûs beágas geaf,
 " on âd-färe. Ne scel ânes hwât
 " meltan mid þam môdigan, ac þær is mâðma hord,

- " gold unrîme grimme geceápod
 " and nu ät sîðestan sylfes feore
 3015 " beágas gebohte; þâ sceal brond fretan,
 " äled þecean, nalles eorl wegan
 " mâððum tô gemyndum, ne mäigð scýne
 " habban on healse hring-weorðunge,
 " ac sceall geômor-môd golde bereáfod
 3020 " oft nalles æne el-land tredan,
 " nu se here-wîsa hleahtor álegde,
 " gamen and gleó-dreám. Forþon sceall gâr wesan
 " monig morgen-ceald mundum bewunden,
 " häfen on handa, nalles hearpan swêg
 3025 " wîgend weccean, ac se wonna hrefn
 " fûs ofer fægum, fela reordian,
 " earne secgan, hû him ät æte speów,
 " þenden he wið wulf wäl reáfode."
 Swâ se secg hwata secgende wäs
 3030 lâðra spella; he ne leág fela
 wyrda ne worda. Weorod eall ârâs,
 eodon unblîðe under Earna näs
 wollen-teárc wundur sceáwian.
 Fundon þâ on sande sâwul-leásne
 3035 hlim-bed healdan, þone þe him hringas geaf
 ærran mælum: þâ wâs ende-däg
 gôdum gegongen, þât se gûð-cyning,
 Wedra þeóden, wundor-deáðe swealt.
 Ær hî geségan syllicran wiht,
 3040 wyrm on wonge wiðer-rähtes þær
 lâðne licgean: wäs se lêg-draca,
 grimlîc gryre-gäst, glêdum beswæled;
 se wäs fiftiges fôt-gemearces
 lang on legere, lyft-wynne heöld
 3045 nihtes hwîlum, nyðer eft gewât
 dennes niósian; wäs þâ deáðe fäst,
 häfde eorð-screfa ende genyttod.

Him big stôdan bunan and orcas,
 discas lâgon and dŷre swyrd,
 3050 ômige þurh-etone, swâ hie wið eorðan fâðm
 þûsend wintra þær eardodon :
 þonne wâs þât yrse cácen-cräftig,
 iú-monna gold galdré bewunden,
 þât þam hring-sele hrînan ne môste
 3055 gumena ænig, nefne god sylfa,
 sigora sóð-cyning, sealde þam þe he wolde
 (he is manna gehyld) hord openian,
 efne swâ hwylcum manna, swâ him gemet þûhte.

XLII.

WIGLAF SPEAKS. THE BUILDING OF THE
BALE-FIRE.

þâ wâs gesŷne, þât se sîð ne þâh
 3060 þam þe unrihte inne gehydde
 wrâte under wealle. Weard ær ofslôh
 feára sumne ; þâ sió fæhð gewearð
 gewreeen wrâðlîce. Wundur hwâr, þonne
 eorl ellen-rôf ende gefêre
 3065 lif-gesceafta, þonne leng ne mäg
 mon mid his mägum medu-seld bûan ?
 Swâ wâs Biowulfe, þâ he biorges weard
 sôhte, searo-nîðas : seolfa ne cûðe,
 þurh hwât his worulde gedâl weorðan sceolde ;
 3070 swâ hit ôð dômes dâg diópe benemdon
 þeódnas mære, þâ þât þær dydon,
 þât se secg wære synnum seildig,
 hergum geheâðerod, hell-bendum fâst,
 wommum gewitnad, se þone wong strâde.
 3075 Nâs he gold-hwât : gearwor häfde

âgendet êst ær gesceáwod.

Wiglaf maðelode, Wihstânes sunu :

“ Oft sceall eorl monig ânes willan

“ wræc âdreógan, swâ ûs geworden is.

3080 “ Ne meahton we gelæran leófne þeóden,

“ rîces hyrde ræd ænigne,

“ þät he ne grête gold-weard þone,

“ lête hyne licegan. þær he longe wäs,

“ wicum wunian ðð woruld-ende.

3085 “ Heoldon heáh gesceap : hord ys gesceáwod,

“ grimme gegongen ; wäs þät giseðe tð swið,

“ þe þone þeóden þyder ontyhte.

“ Ic wäs þær inne and þät eall geond-seh,

“ recedes geatwa, þâ me gerýmed wäs,

3090 “ nealles swæslíce sîð ályfed

“ inn under eorð-weall. Ic on ðfoste gefêng

“ micle mid mundum mägen-byrðenne

“ hord-gestreóna, hidre ût ätbär

“ cyninge mînum : cwico wäs þâ gena,

3095 “ wîs and gewittig ; worn eall gespräc

“ gomol on gehðo and eówic grêtan hêt,

“ bäd þät ge geworhton äfter wines dædum

“ in bæl-stede beorh þone heán

“ micelne and mærne, swâ he manna wäs

3100 “ wîgend weorð-fullost wide geond eorðan,

“ þenden he burh-welan brûcan môste.

“ Uton nu êfstan ððre sîðe

“ seón and sêcean searo-geþräc,

“ wundur under wealle ! ic eów wîsige,

3105 “ þät ge genðe neán sceáwiað

“ beágas and brâd gold. Sîe sió bær gearo

“ ädre geäfned, þonne we ût cymen,

“ and þonne geferian freán ûserne,

“ leófne mannan, þær he longe sceal

3110 “ on þas waldendes wäre geþolian.”

- Hêt þâ gebeódan byre Wihstânes,
 hâle hilde-diór, hâleða monegum
 bold-âgendra, þât hie bæl-wudu
 feorran feredon, folc-âgende
- 3115 gôdum tögênes : “ Nu seeal glêd fretan
 “ (weaxan wonna lêg) wîgena strengel,
 “ þone þe oft gebâd ïsern-scûre,
 “ þonne stræla storm, strengum gebæded,
 “ scôc ofer scild-weall, sceft nyttæ heold,
- 3120 “ feðer-gearwum fûs flâne full-eode.”
- Hûru se snotra sunu Wihstânes
 âcigde of cordre cyninges þegnas
 syfone tôsomne þâ sêlestan,
 eode eahta sum under inwit-hrôf;
- 3125 hilde-rinc sun on handa bär
 âled-leóman, se þe on orde geóng.
 Näs þâ on hlytme, hwâ þât hord strude,
 syððan or-wearde ænigne dæl
 secgas gesêgon on sele wunian,
- 3130 læne liegan : lyt ænig mearn,
 þât hi ðostlice ût geferedon
 dýre mâðmas ; dracan êc seufun,
 wyrm ofer weall-clif, lêton wæg niman,
 flôd fâðmian frätwa hyrde.
- 3135 þær wäs wunden gold on wæn hladen,
 æghwäs unrîm, äðeling boren,
 hâr hilde-rinc tô Hrônes nässe.

XLIII. BEÓWULF'S FUNERAL PYRE.

HIM þâ gegiredan Geáta leóde
 âd on eorðan un-wâclene,
 3140 helnum behongan, hilde-bordum,
 beorhtum byrnum, swâ he bêna wäs ;
 álegdon þâ tô-middes mærne þeoden
 häleð hiósende, hlâford leófne.
 Ongunnon þâ on beorge bael-fýra mæst
 3145 wîgend weccan : wudu-rêc ástâh
 sweart ofer swioðole, swôgende lêg,
 wôpe bewunden (wind-blond gelag)
 ôð þât he þâ bân-hûs gebrocen häfde,
 hât on hreðre. Higum unrôte
 3150 môd-ceare mændon mon-dryhtnes cwealm ;
 swylce giômor-gyd † lat . ^{con} meowle
 wunden heorde . . .
 serg (?) cearig sälde geneahhe
 þât hio hyre gas hearde
 3155 ede wâlfylla wonn . .
 hildes egesan hyðo
 haf mid heofon rêce swealh (?)
 Geworhton þâ Wedra leóde
 hlæw on hliðe, se wäs heâh and brâd,
 3160 wæg-lîðendum wide gesyne,
 and betimbredon on tyn dagum
 beadu-rôfes bêen : bronda betost
 wealle beworhton, swâ hyt weorðlîcost
 fore-snotre men findan mihton.
 3165 Hî on beorg dydon bêg and siglu,
 eall swylce hyrsta, swylce on horde ær
 nîð-hydige men genumen häfdon ;
 forlêton eorla gestreón eorðan healdan,
 gold on greóte, þær hit nu gen lifað

- 3170 eldum swā unnyt, swā hit *æror* wäs.
 þā ymbe hlæw riodan hilde-deore,
 äðelinga bearn ealra twelfa,
 woldon *ceare* cwīðan, kyning mænan,
 word-gyd wrecan and ymb wer sprecan,
 3175 eahtodan eorl-scipe and his ellen-weorc
 duguðum dēmdon, swā hit ge-dēfe bið,
 þät mon his wine-drylten wordum hērge,
 ferhðum freóge, þonne he forð scile
 of līc-haman *læne* weorðan.
- 3180 Swā begnornodon Geáta leóde
 hlāfordes *hryre*, heorð-geneátas,
 ewædon þät he wäre woruld-cyning
 mannum mildust and mon-þwærust,
 leódum līðost and lof-geornost.

APPENDIX.

THE ATTACK IN FINNSBURG.*

“ näs byrnað næfre.”

Hleoðrode þa heaðo-geong cyning :

“ Ne þis ne dagað eástan, ne her draca ne fleógeð,

“ ne her þisse healle hornas ne byrnað,

5 “ ac fér forð berað, fugelas singað,

“ gylleð græg-hama, gûð-wudu hlynneð,

“ scyld scefte oncwyð. Nu scýneð þes mōna

“ waðol under wolenum ; nu árisað weá-dæda,

“ þe þisne folces nîð fremman willað.

10 “ Ac onwaenigeð nu, wígend mîne,

“ hebbâð eówre handa, hicgeað on ellen,

“ winnað on orde, wesað on môde !”

þa árâs monig gold-hladen þegn, gyrded hine his
swurde ;

þa tð dura eodon drihtlice cempan,

15 Sigeferð and Eaha, hyra sveord getugon,

and ät ððrum durum Ordláf and Gûðláf,

and Hengest sylf ; hwearf him on lâste.

þa git Gárulf Gûðere styrode,

pât hie swâ freólic feorh forman sîðe

20 tð þære healle durum hyrsta ne bærان,

nu hyt nîða heard ânyman wolde :

ac he frägn ofer eal undearninga,

deór-môd häleð, hwâ þa duru heólde.

“ Sigeferð is mîn nama (cwâð he), ic eom Secgena
leóð,

* See v. 1069 *seqq.*

25 "wrecca wide cūð. Fela ic weána gebād,
 "heardra hilda; þe is gyt her witod,
 "swäðer þu sylf tð me sêcean wylle."
 þâ wäs on wealle wäl-slihta gehlyn,
 sceolde cêlod bord cênum on handa
 30 bân-helm berstan. Buruh-þelu dynede,
 ðð þät åt þære gûðe Gârulf gecrang,
 ealra ærest eorð-bûendra,
 Gûðlâfes sunu; ymbe hine gôdra fela
 hwearf laera hræw. Hräfn wandrode
 35 sweart and sealo-brûn; swurd-leóma stôd
 swylce eal Finns-burnh fýrenu wäre.
 Ne gefrägn ic næfre wurðlicor åt wera hilde
 sixtig sige-beorna sêl gebæran,
 ne næfre swânas swêtne medo sêl forgyldan,
 40 þonne Hnäfe guldon his häg-stealdas.
 Hig fuhton sif dagas, swâ hyra nân ne feól
 driht-gesîða, ac hig þâ duru heóldon.
 þâ gewât him wund häleð on wäg gangan,
 sæde þät his byrne âbrocen wäre,
 45 here-sceorpum hrôr, and eác wäs his helm þyrl.
 þâ hine sôna frägn folces hyrde,
 hû þâ wigend hyra wunda genæson
 oððe hwäðer þæra hyssa

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